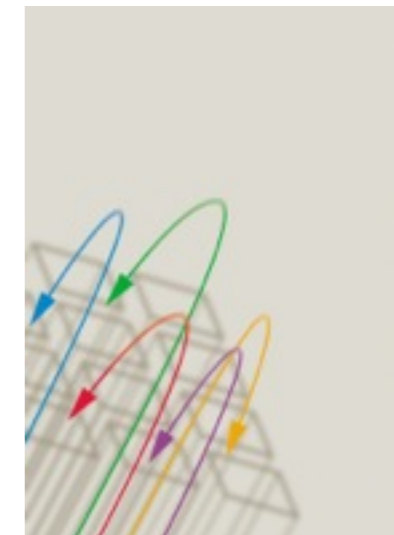
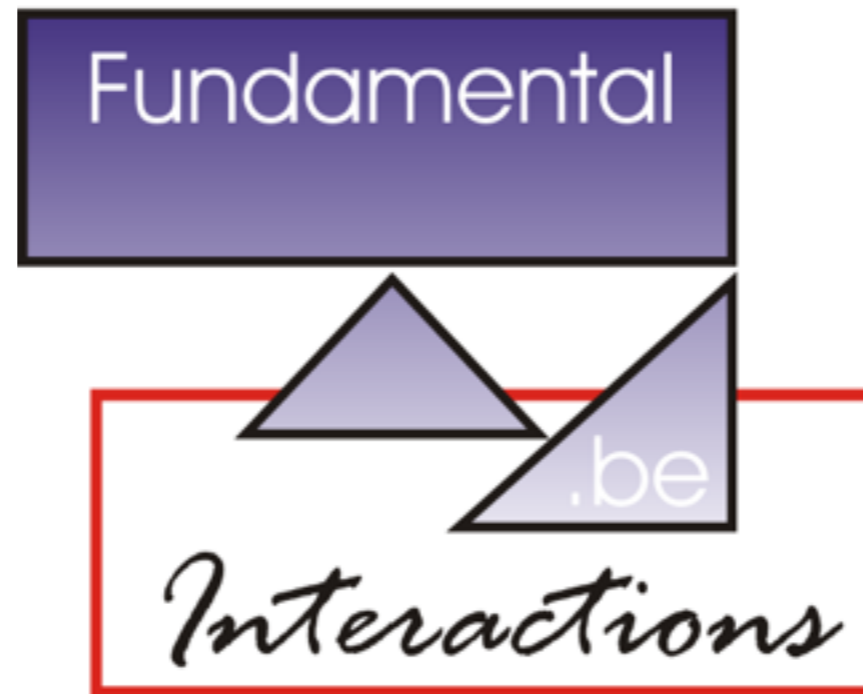


# The Di-photon excitement at the LHC: TH

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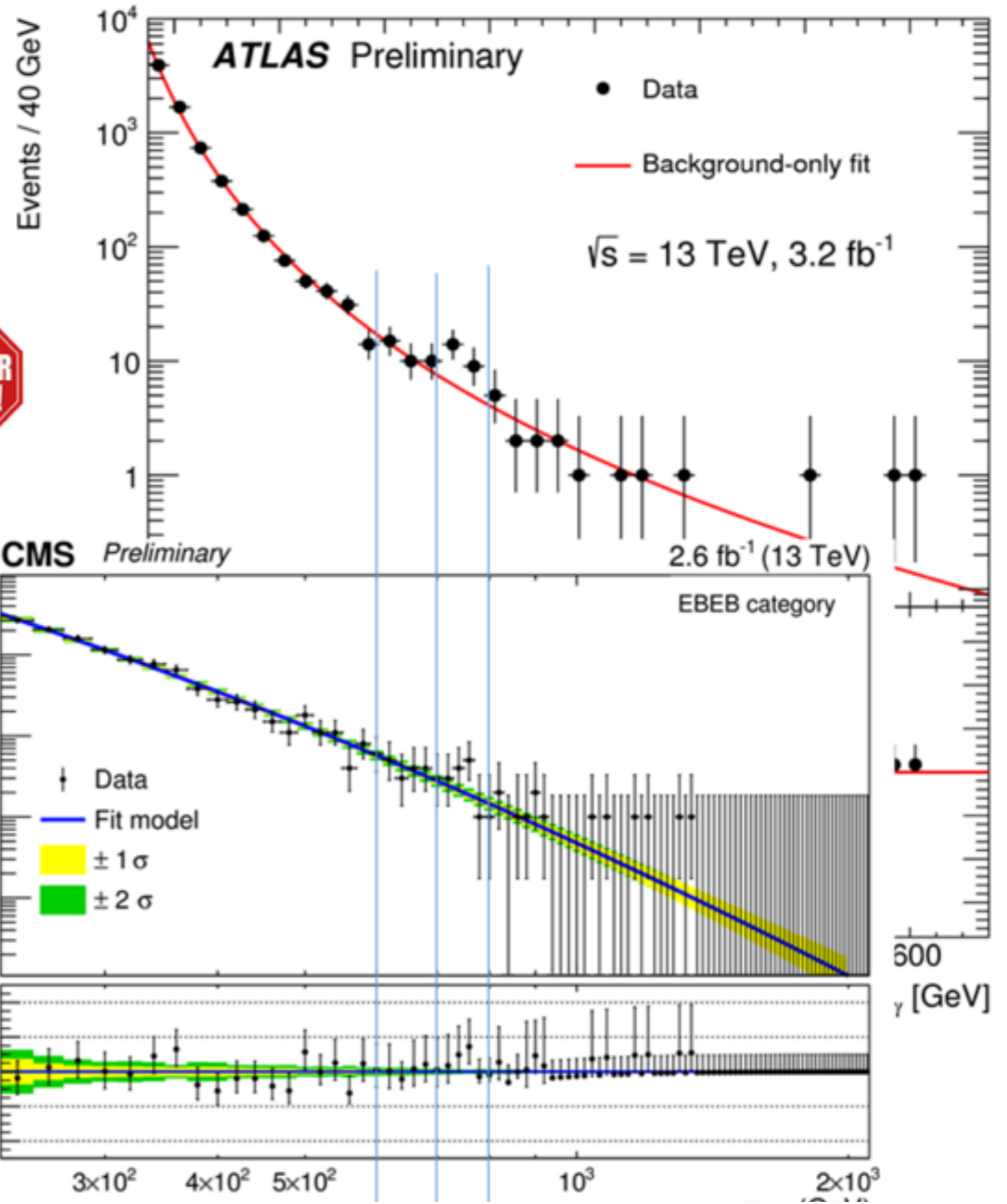
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# What happened at 15-12-2015 ?



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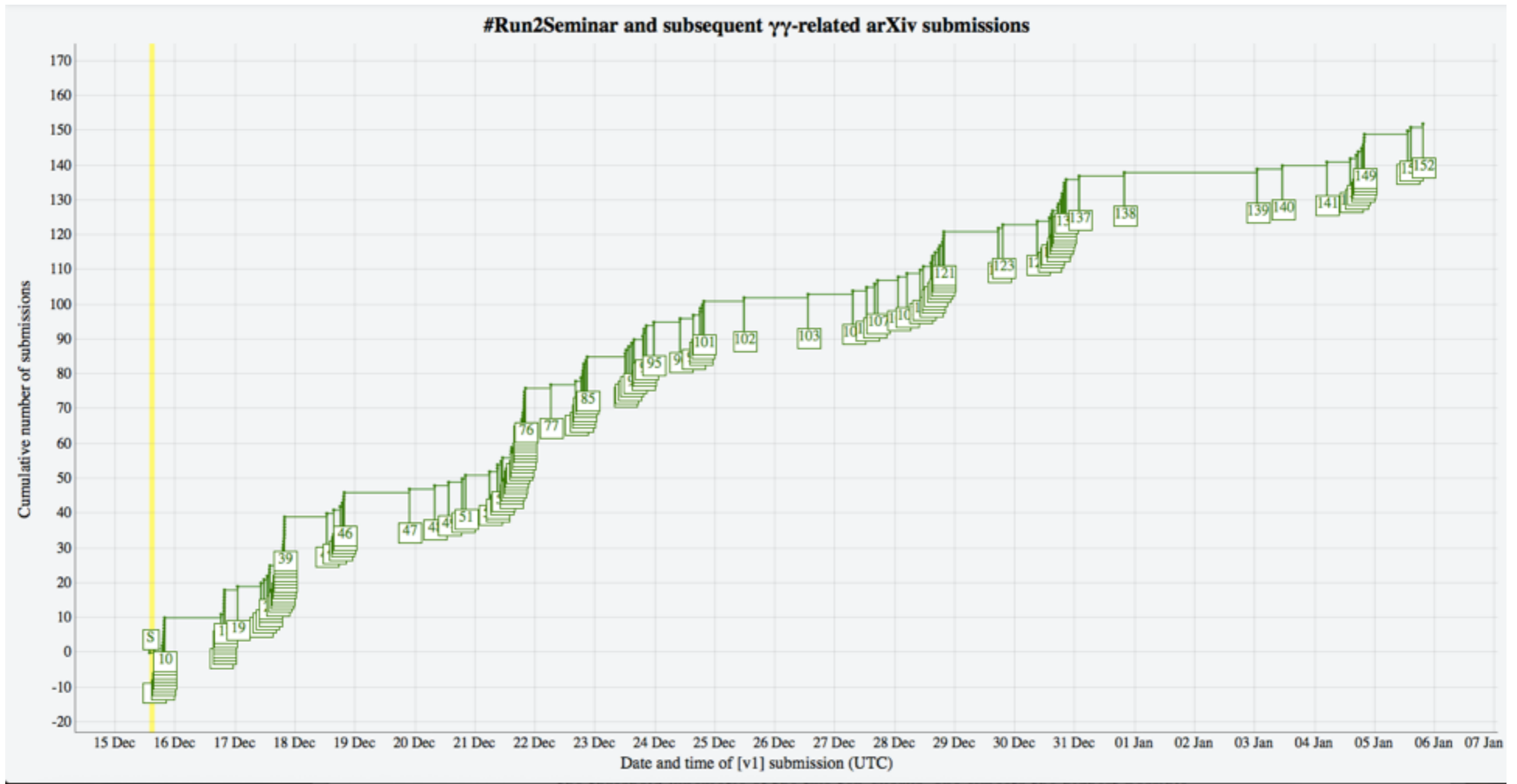


***Two Bumps!!!***

Need more data to be  
conclusive but very  
promising !!!

# The DiPhoton Frenzy

Enormous amount of theory papers already in the first two weeks!



***Now we have reached around 400 papers***

Compatible with prediction of  
arXiv:1603.01204

# How to explain the excess?

## Basic features of the excess Peak at 750 GeV

$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$	$\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$		$\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$	
	narrow	broad	narrow	broad
CMS	$0.63 \pm 0.31 \text{ fb}$	$0.99 \pm 1.05 \text{ fb}$	$4.8 \pm 2.1 \text{ fb}$	$7.7 \pm 4.8 \text{ fb}$
ATLAS	$0.21 \pm 0.22 \text{ fb}$	$0.88 \pm 0.46 \text{ fb}$	$5.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ fb}$	$7.6 \pm 1.9 \text{ fb}$

**WIDTH: inconclusive but ATLAS favours large**  $\frac{\Gamma}{m_S} \sim 6\%$

**Simpler interpretation: new resonance at 750 GeV**

# Open questions?

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Is it really a resonance at 750 GeV in diphotons?

What is the production mode at the LHC?

What are expected correlated signature?

Is it a portal to a dark sector?

How would explain a large width?



If a scalar: does it mix with the SM scalar?  
Spin-0 or Spin-2 ?

Is well motivated in UV completions of the SM?

Elementary or composite?

# Plan of today

## *Characterisation of the excess*

- Production Modes at the LHC
- Spin 0 or Spin 2
- Elementary or not ...
- Not a resonance in diphotons ...

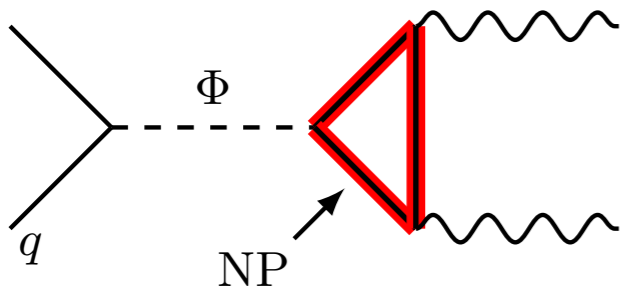
## *Model building aspects*

- Hierarchy problem ...
- SUSY
- PNGB ... composite models
- Dark matter portal

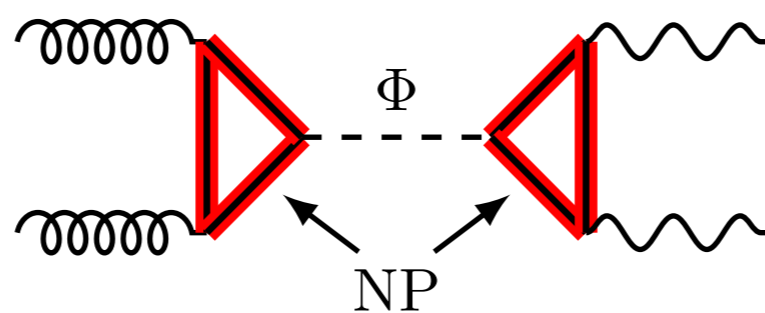
My personal choice over 400 papers  
Apologize if I miss something ...

# Production Mechanism

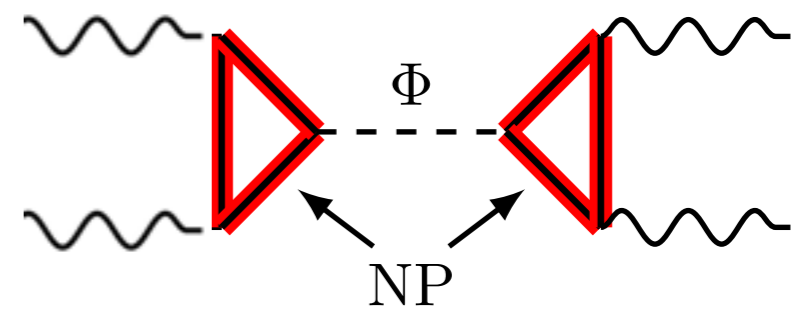
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## GLUONS



## PHOTONS



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \Phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{2J+1}{M\Gamma_{\Phi} s} \left[ \sum_{\mathcal{P}} C_{\mathcal{P}\bar{\mathcal{P}}} \Gamma(\Phi \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\bar{\mathcal{P}}) \right] \Gamma(\Phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

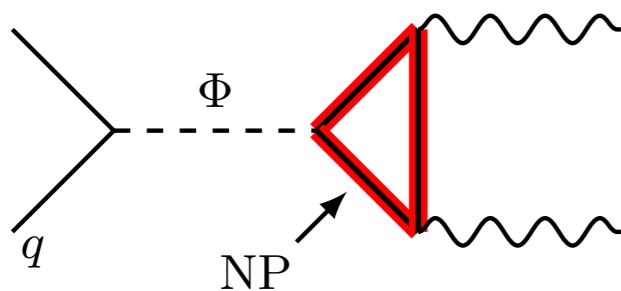
- **To fit the excess we need**  $\sigma_{13\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma} \simeq 6 \text{ fb}$
- **How about compatibility with 8TeV constraints?**  $\sigma_{8\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma} \leq 1.5 \text{ fb}$

Difference from 8 and 13 TeV xsec is set by parton luminosity  $\frac{C_{ii}}{s}$

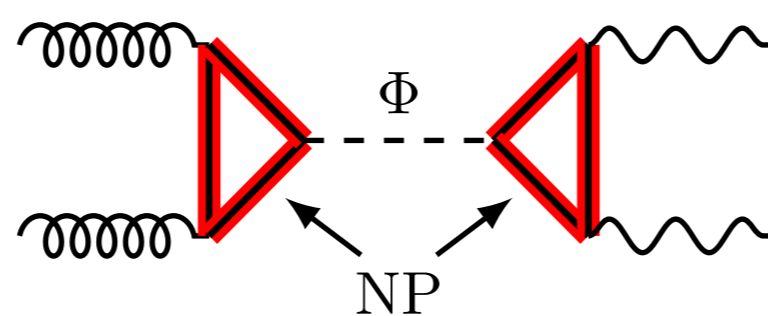
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*The production mode should be compatible with 8TeV (<1.5 fb)*

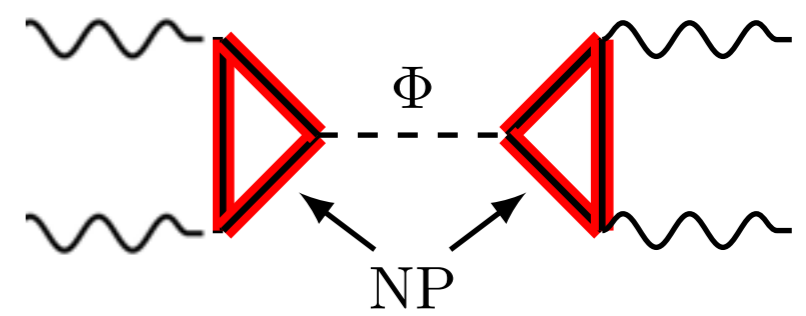
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channel	$u\bar{u}$	$d\bar{d}$	$s\bar{s}$	$c\bar{c}$	$b\bar{b}$	$\gamma\gamma$	$gg$
$\frac{\sigma_{13\text{TeV}}}{\sigma_{8\text{TeV}}}$	2.5	2.7	4.3	5.1	5.4	2.9	4.7

**Rescaling 8-TeV bound**

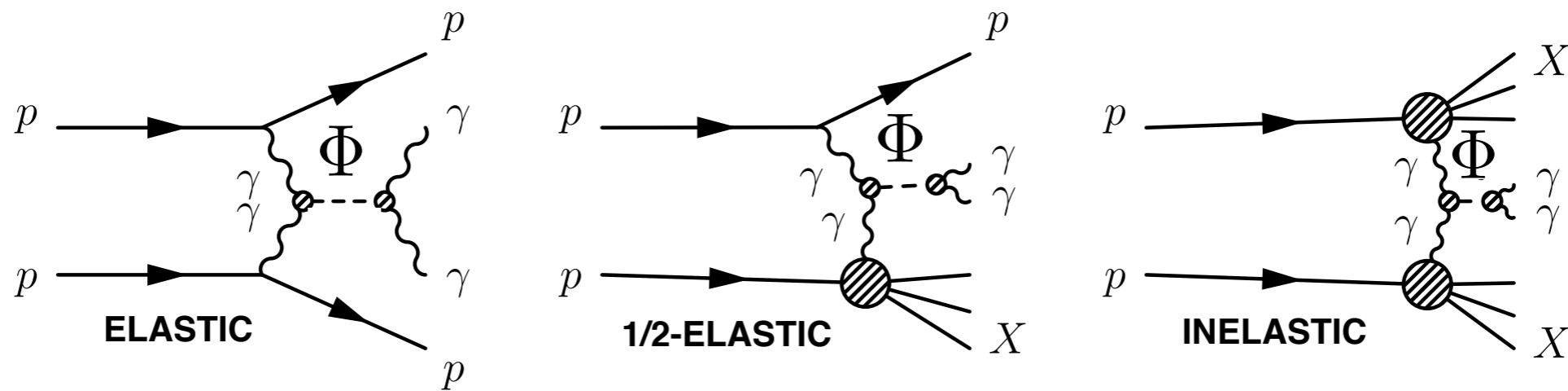
$$\sigma_{13\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma} \leq 3.75 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{13\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma} \leq 8.1 \text{ fb}$$

$$\sigma_{13\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma} \leq 7.05 \text{ fb}$$



# Photon production



**Dominant is inelastic scattering**

**Large uncertainties in photon PDF**

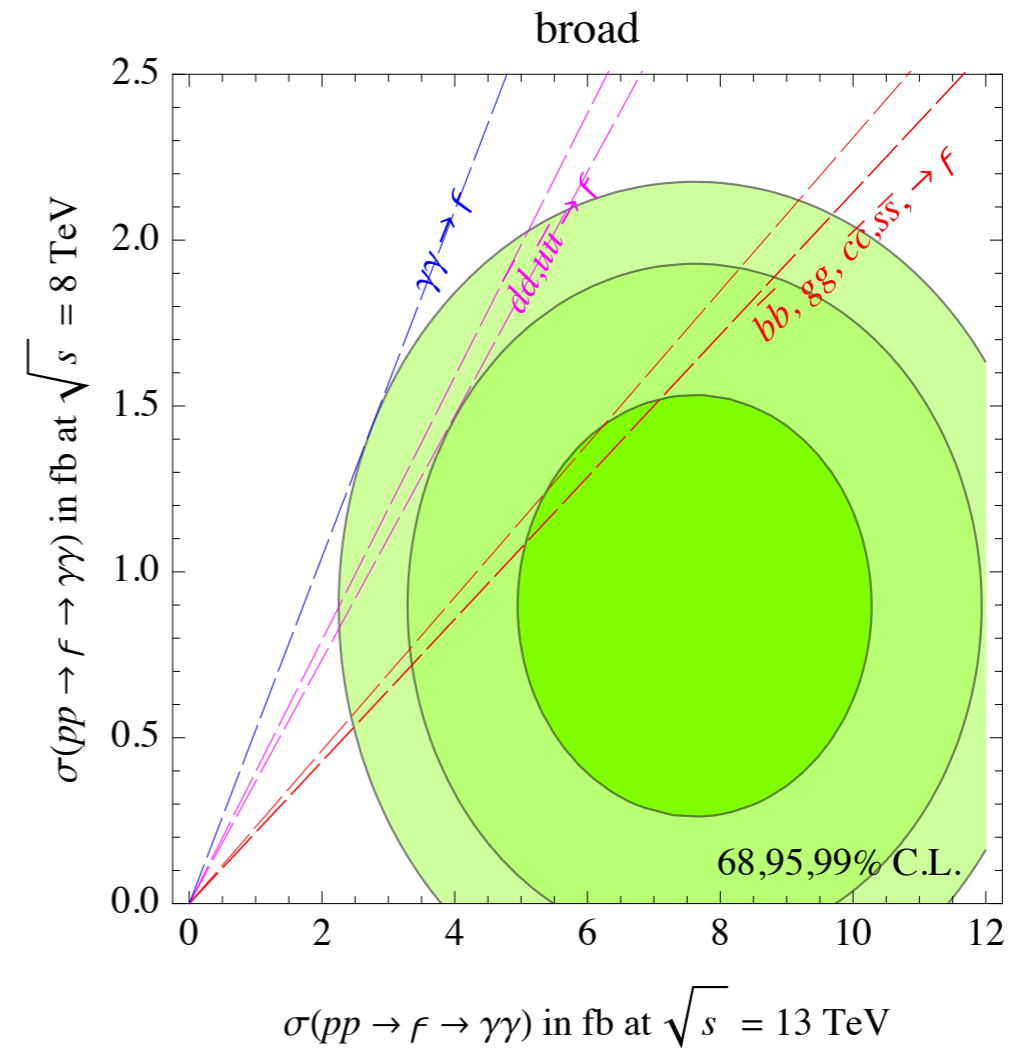
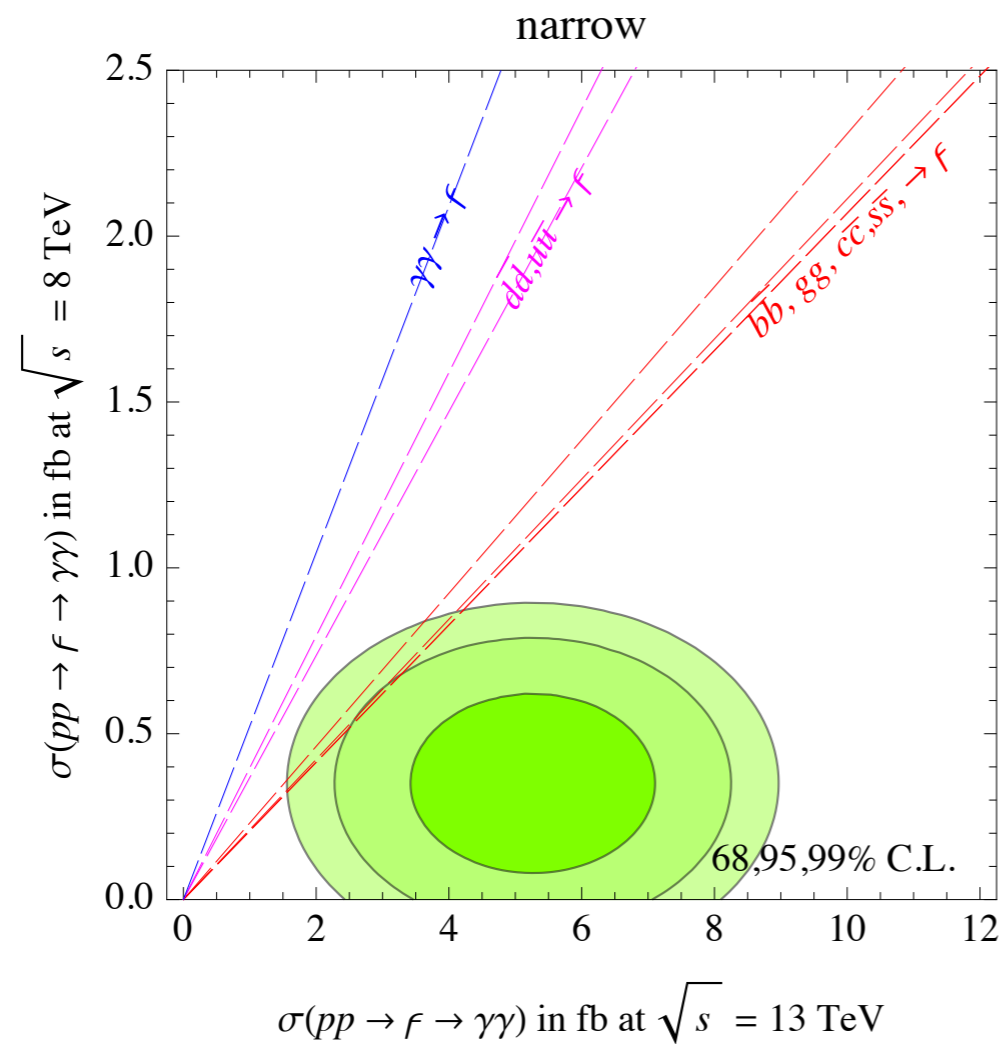
**Latest result**

$$\xrightarrow{\text{arXiv:1601.07187}} \frac{\sigma_{13\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma}}{\sigma_{8\text{TeV}}^{\gamma\gamma}} = 2.9$$

*Still not optimal for compatibility with 8TeV but it could be ...*

***!Could be particularly promising if no other objects in final state!***

# Summary on production modes



arXiv:1605.09401

***Glue fusion and heavy quarks are more promising ones***

# “Vanilla” Model for spin 0

*Minimal Lagrangian to achieve gluon-fusion:*

—Majority of papers based on this effective theory—

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Implies new physics to generate dimension 5 operators

Implies correlated signals in di-bosons

CHANNELS	$\gamma\gamma$	$ZZ$	$Z\gamma$	$WW$	$jj$
coupling	$g_{BB}c_w^2 + g_{WW}s_w^2$	$g_{BB}s_w^2 + g_{WW}c_w^2$	$s_{2w}(g_{BB} - g_{WW})$	$g_{WW}$	$g_{GG}$
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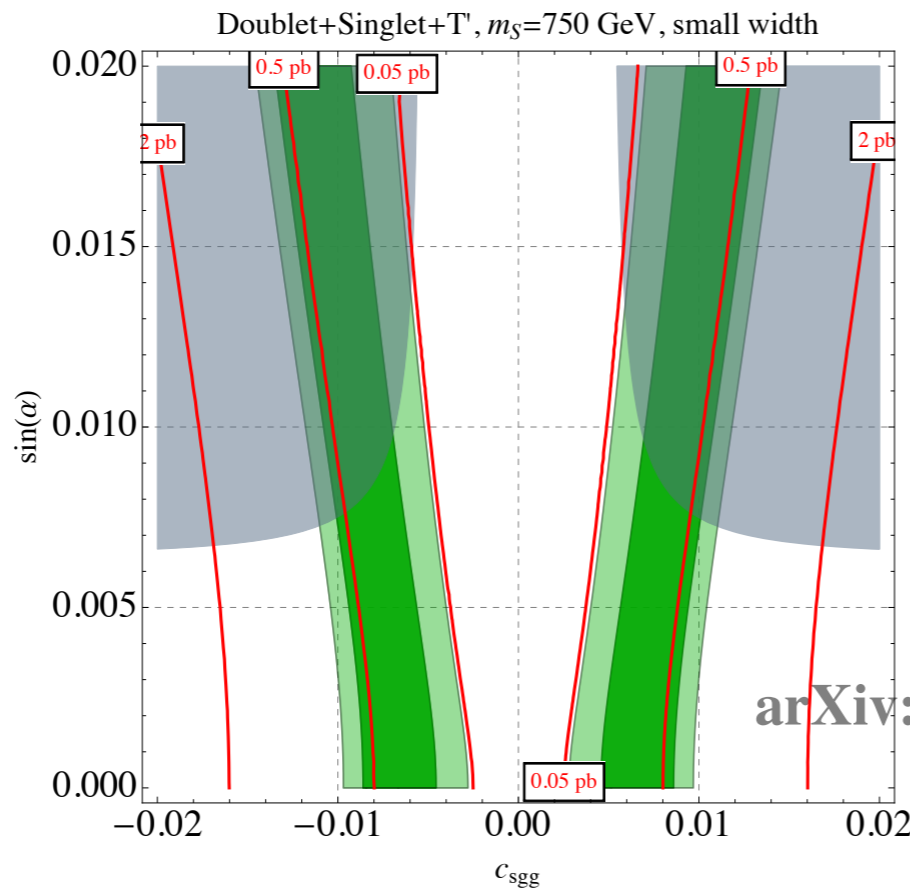
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angle from di-boson  
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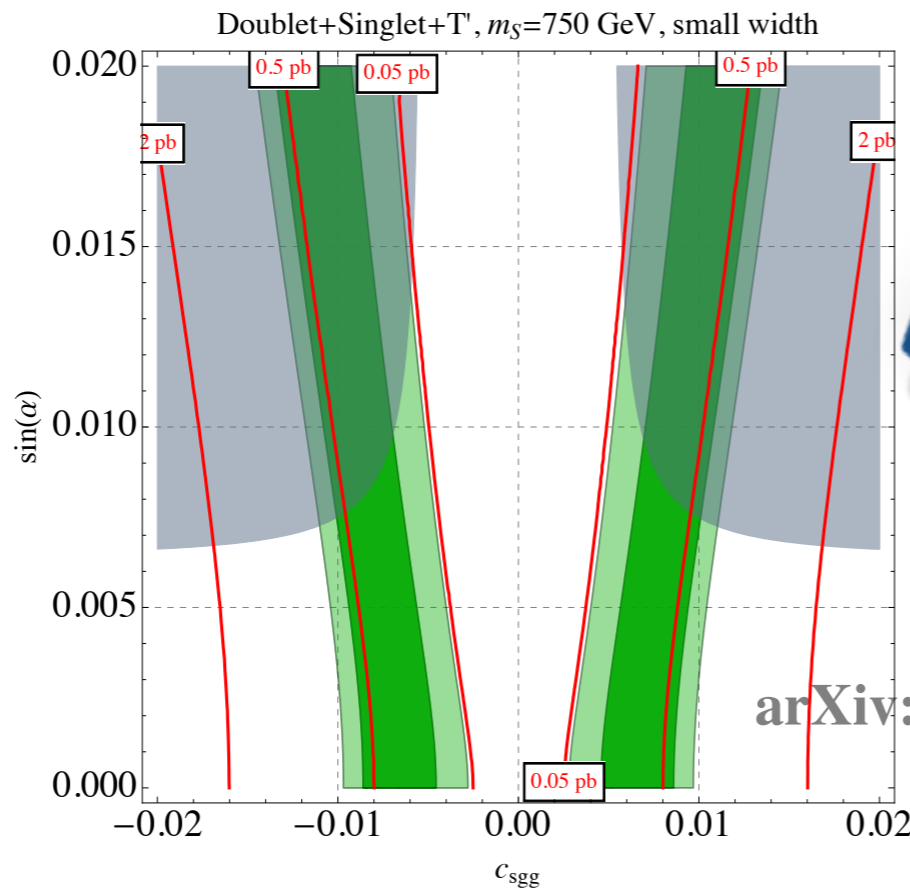
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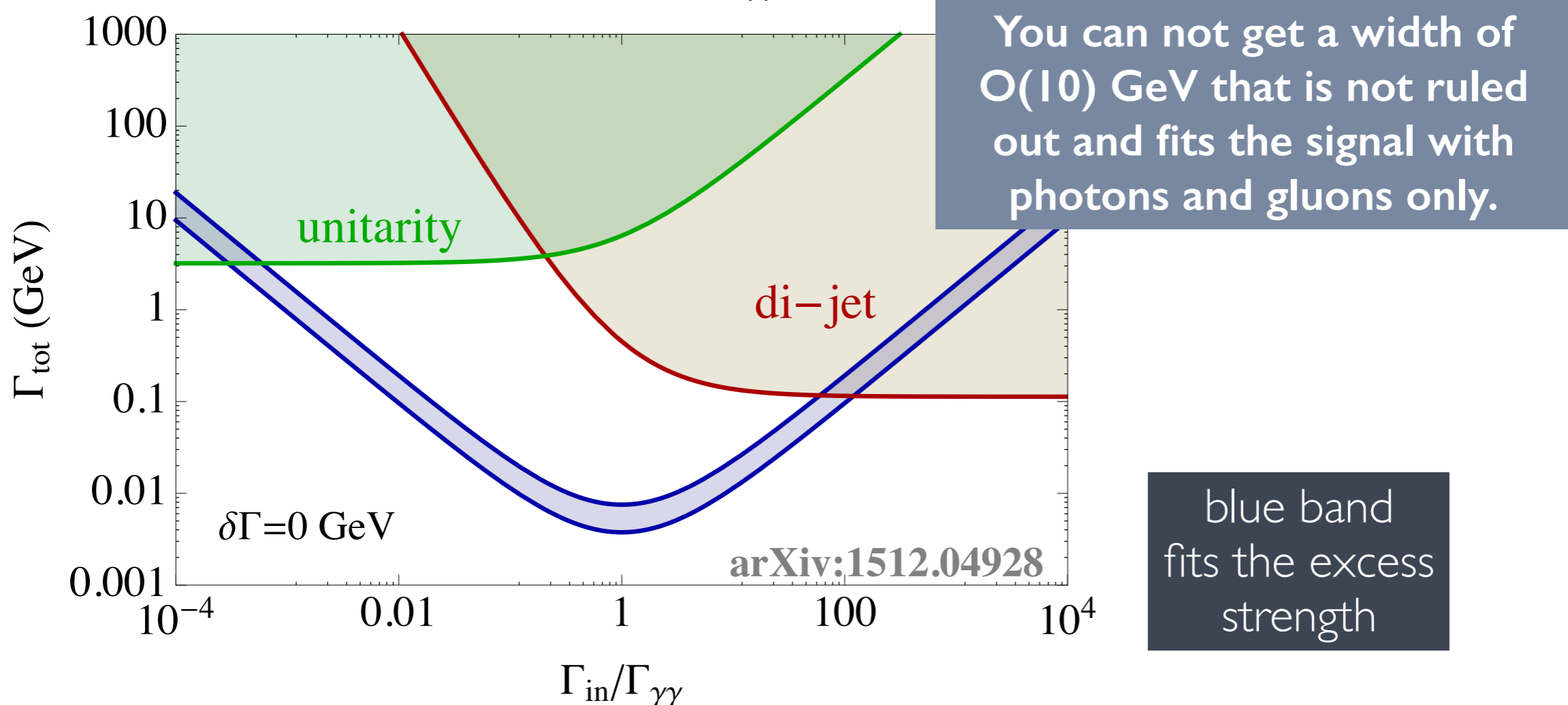
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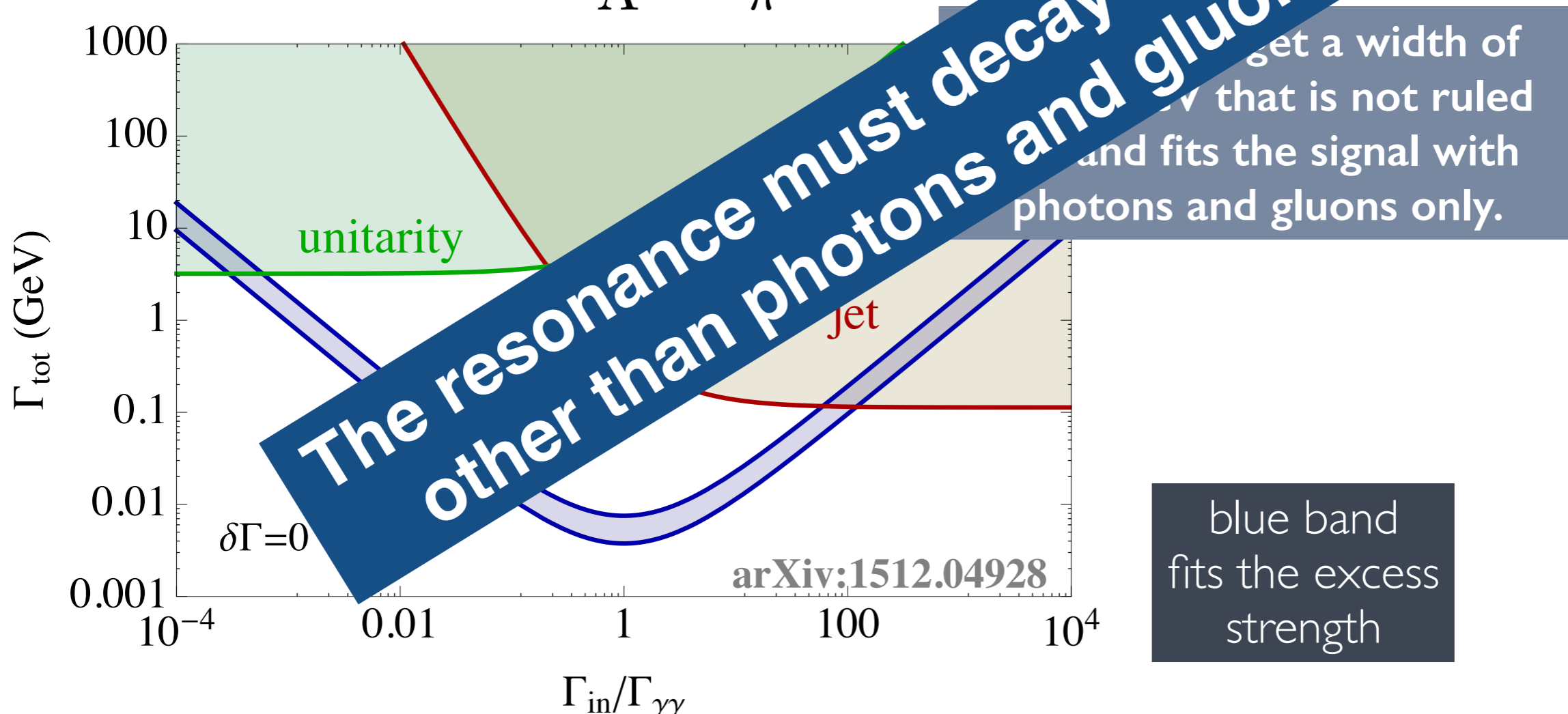
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**The resonance must decay to states other than photons and gluons!**

get a width of ... that is not ruled out and fits the signal with photons and gluons only.

blue band fits the excess strength

arXiv:1512.04928



# What if spin 2 ?

Spin 2 particle interacting with the SM via the Energy momentum tensor

$$\mathcal{L}_{V,f}^{Y_2} = -\frac{K_{V,f}}{\Lambda} T_{\mu\nu}^{V,f} Y_2^{\mu\nu}$$

**In tension with di-lepton searches**

➔ Graviton would have universal coupling to fermions and bosons

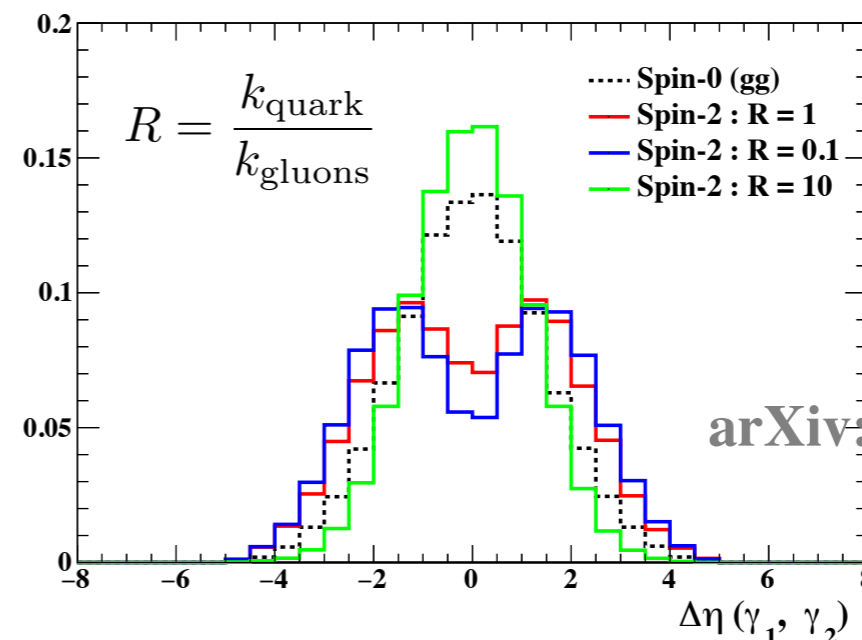
## Need non universal couplings

Non universal couplings can lead to unitarity problems in amplitudes  
 arXiv:1306.6464 arXiv:1605.09359

Non universal couplings need UV completions (e.g. warped scenario in RS)  
 arXiv:1603.06980

**@ the LHC**

We could distinguish spin-2 from spin-0 using angular distributions

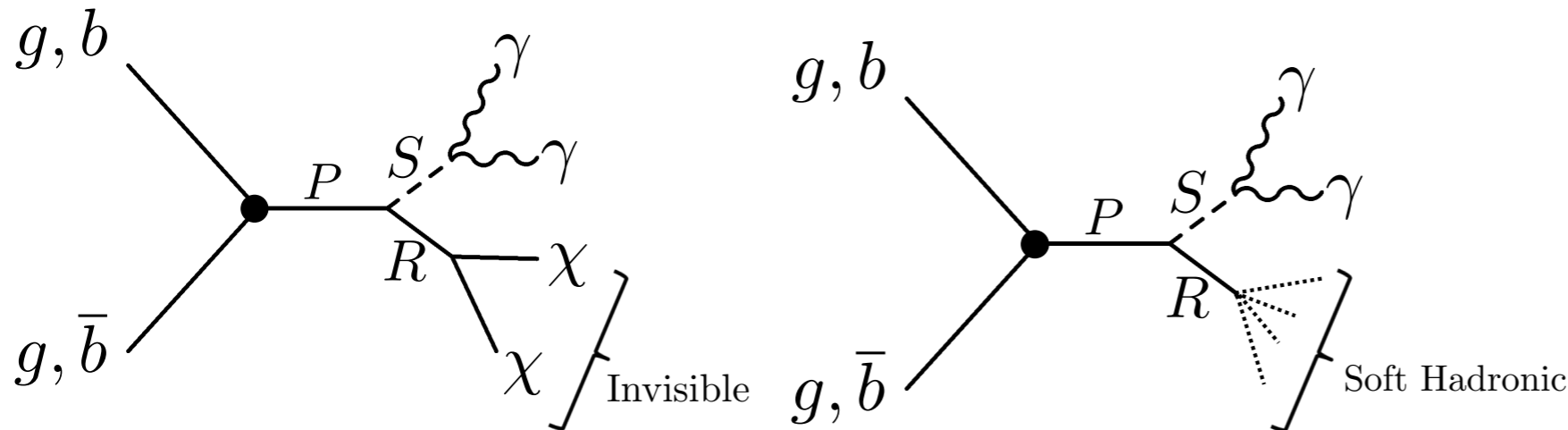


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# Surely a resonance?

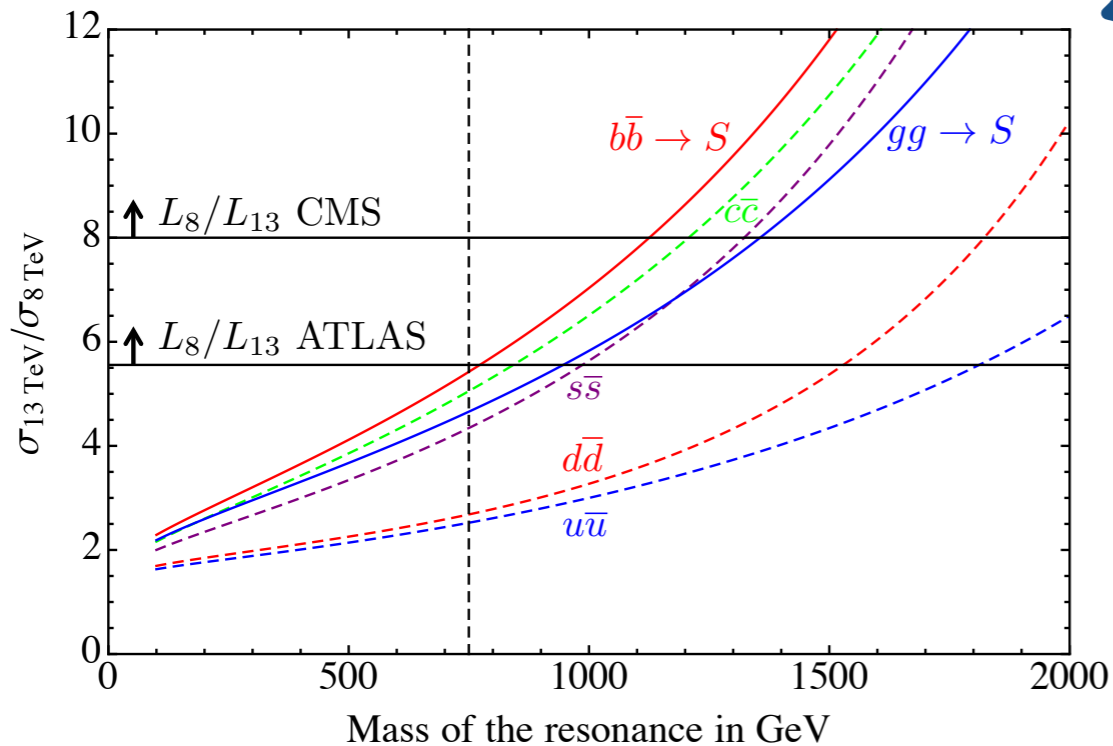
Parent resonance decaying into 750 GeV particle plus other stuff

arXiv:1512.04933



*This typically implies other objects in final state*

*Small mass splitting to hide other products*



**Stronger enhancement in signal rate from 8 to 13 TeV**

**Improve compatibility with 8 TeV data**

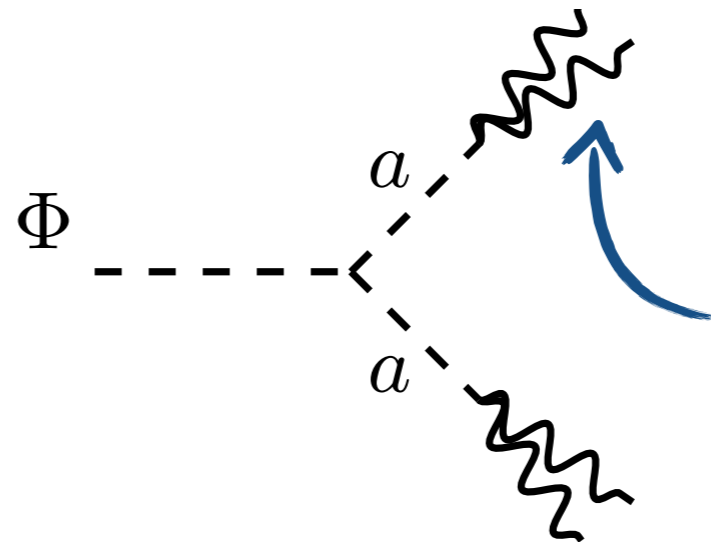
# Collimated photons

Resonance decay into light scalars, decaying into collimated photons

$$\mathcal{L} \supset c_{GG} \Phi G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{\mu\nu a} + \kappa_\Phi \Phi a^2$$

Tree level decay to light scalar

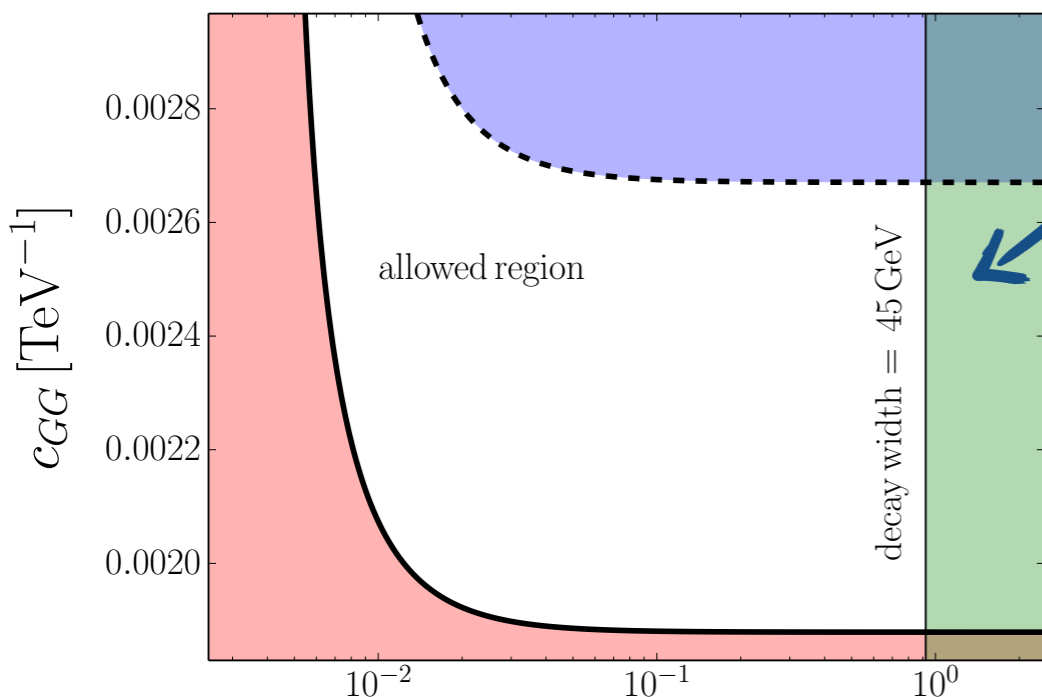
Width of resonance can be large



Collimated photons reconstructed as a single photon

*a* should be very light and boosted

$$m_a \lesssim 1\text{GeV}$$



Decay of  $a$  can be displaced

# Elementary or not?

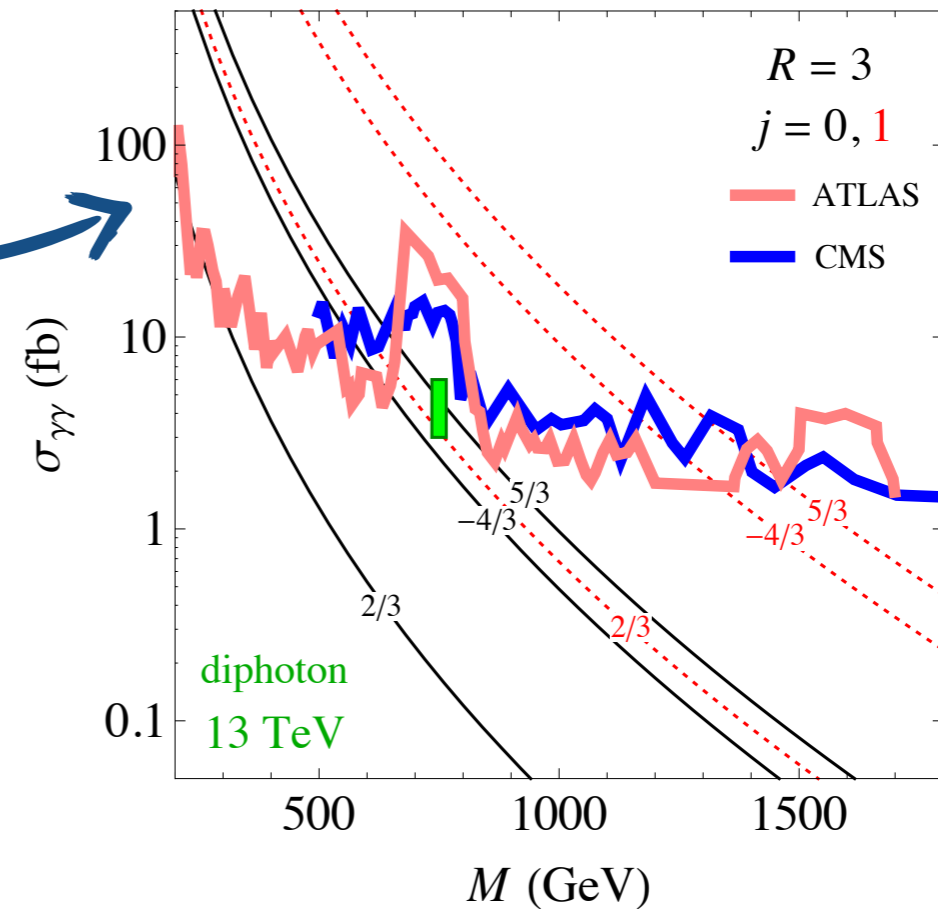
Could be a QCD bound state of new particles!

arXiv:1602.08819

E.g.: new scalar  $X$  of charge  $2/3, 4/3,$  or  $5/3$   
 $m_X \sim 375$  GeV

*Simple case could fit the excess*

$$j = 0, \quad R = 3, \quad Q = -\frac{4}{3}$$



LHC direct bounds on  $X$  can be easily escaped by introducing small decay into quarks

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{C_{ij}}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} X^{*\alpha} \bar{u}_i^\beta \bar{u}_j^\gamma + \text{h.c.},$$

Coupling should be small

*Similar to stop in supersymmetry with RPV couplings*

# Break ...

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*? What are the implications  
for BSM paradigms?*

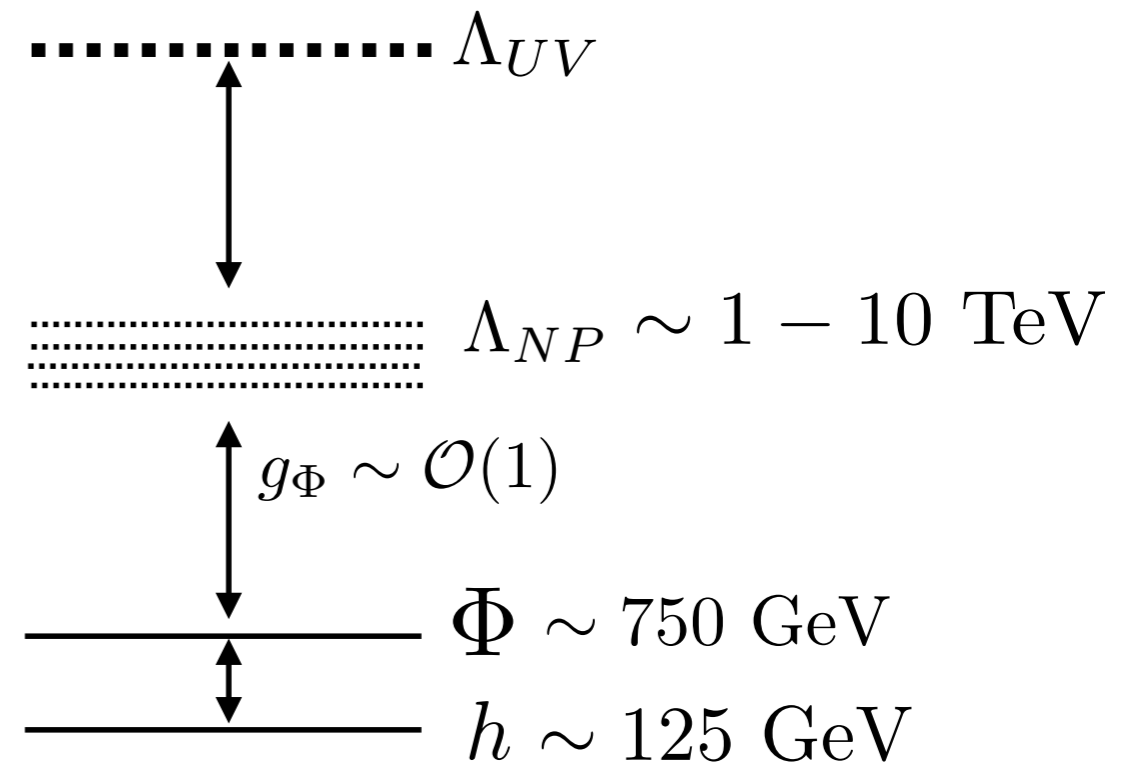
# Another hierarchy problem?

*Assume it is another fundamental scalar particle ...*

*Why its mass is at 750 GeV?*

*How its mass is stable under quantum corrections?*

... it has couplings of order one with NP states to get sizable gauge boson couplings ...



*Little hierarchy problem*

$$m_{\Phi} \sim \Lambda_{NP}$$

*Hierarchy problem*

$$m_{\Phi} \sim \Lambda_{UV}$$

***The existence of another fundamental scalar makes even more challenging the hierarchy problems...***

# Another hierarchy problem?

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*Assume it is another scalar particle ...*

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*What about  
SUSY ???*

*What about  
Composite Models ???*

*Is it a Pseudo-Goldstone Boson ?*

# The heavier A/H state of MSSM?

Consider decoupling limit  $\frac{v}{M_S} \ll 1$

CP-Odd and CP-Even with small mass splitting and coupling mainly to fermions  
 $m_{H^0}^2 - m_{A^0}^2 \sim v^2$

**Couplings to photons/gluons induced by coupling to SM quarks**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset y'_f \bar{Q}_L (H^0 + iA^0) f_R$$

**Same coupling induces tree level decay of heavy Higgses**

**BR into gluons and photons will be suppressed**

**Constraints from ttbar and tautau searches**

**Maximum possible signal rate**

$$(\sigma\text{BR})(pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \lesssim (0.01/0.06/0.14) \text{ fb} \quad \xi_t = \frac{y'_t}{y_t} = 1, 3, 5$$

$$(\sigma\text{BR})(pp \rightarrow A \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \lesssim (0.01/0.07/0.18) \text{ fb}$$

arXiv:1512.07616

**Way out**

- **Add heavy vector like states to enhance gluon/photon couplings**
- **Enhance decay in  $\gamma\gamma$  with threshold effects, e.g.  $m_{\tilde{f}} \sim m_A/2$**

arXiv:1605.01040



# Goldstone of a symmetry

Why it is light?

**Goldstone of a global symmetry**

$\eta$

## 1) Goldstone boson of a composite model responsible for the EW scale

- + Many Composite Higgs models have extra singlets emerging from cosets
- + **Would related EWSB scale and new resonance mass in a unified picture!**
- Difficult to embed in consistent model with fermion representations

## 2) Goldstone boson emerging from strong sector not related to EWSB

- + Easier to realize but still interesting phenomenology, e.g. Dark Matter

## 3) Goldstone boson of global symmetry in SUSY (R-axion)

- + Arise naturally in models with spontaneous/dynamical supersymmetry breaking

Work in progress

# Strongly coupled models

**$\eta$  and  $H$  are PNGB of strongly coupled model**

- **Strongly coupled sector with  $SU(N)$  gauge group**
- **Global Symmetry breaking  $SO(6)/SO(5)$**

Strong scale and strong coupling

→  **$H + \text{Extra singlet } \eta$**

$$m_* \simeq g_* f = 4\pi f / \sqrt{N}$$

## Mass of PNGB

From external dynamics

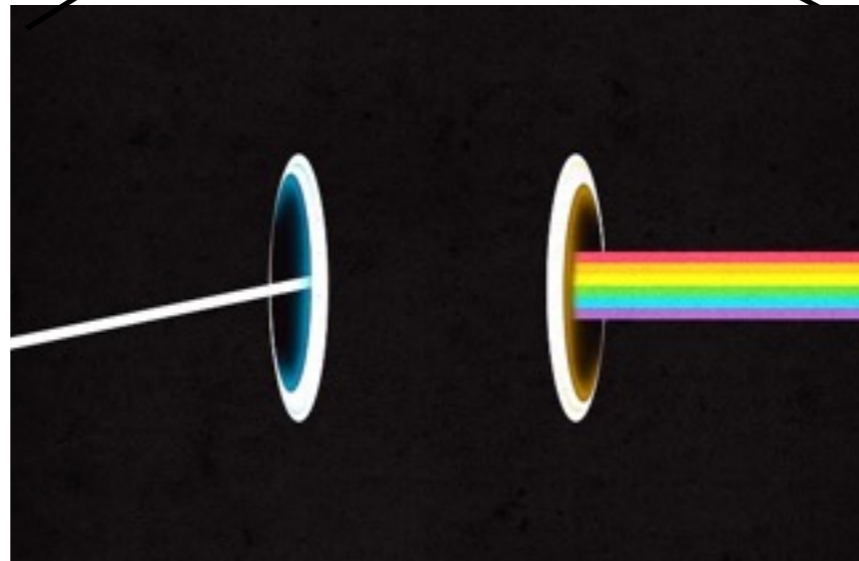
$$m_{PNGB} \sim m_h \times \frac{f}{v} \sim \frac{y_t}{4\pi} m_*$$

From internal dynamics

$$m_{PNGB} \sim \frac{g_*}{4\pi} m_*$$

We can produce PNGB masses in the range  $m_h \ll m_{PNGB} \ll m_*$

**Maybe the 750 GeV resonance addresses  
another main motivation for BSM physics**



# Issue of the total width

**Large width** ( $> O(1) \text{ GeV}$ )?

What else could the new resonance decay to?

We haven't observed any charged states with mass of  $O(100) \text{ GeV}$ ...

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**??? Can it be a portal to Dark Matter ???**

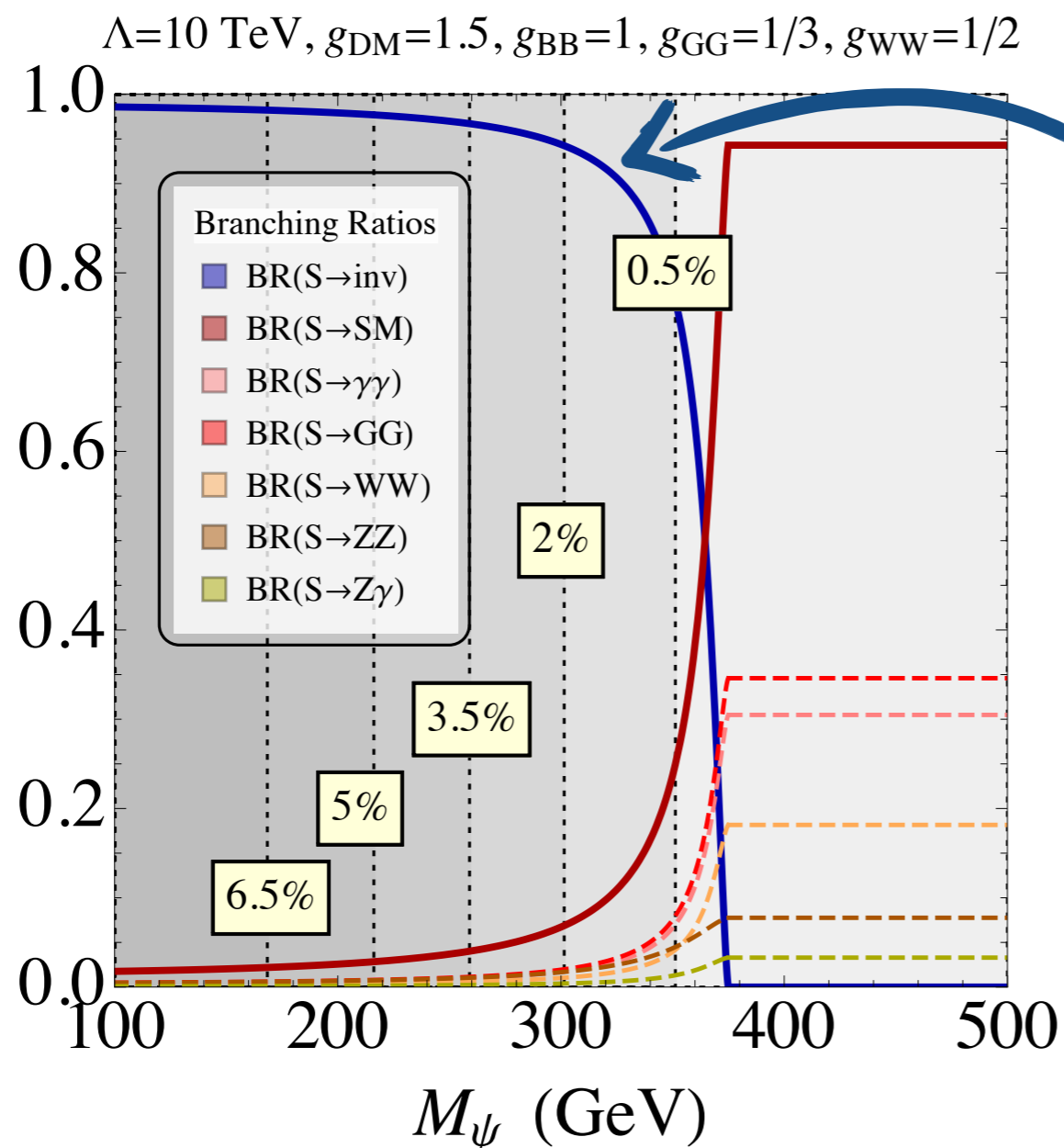
# Large Width and DM

$$\mathcal{L}_{NP}^+ = \frac{1}{2}(\partial S)^2 + \frac{m_S^2}{2}S^2 + \bar{\psi}\phi\psi + (g_{DM}S + M_\psi)\bar{\psi}\psi$$

$$+ \frac{g_{GG}}{\Lambda}SG^{\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{WW}}{\Lambda}SW^{\mu\nu}W_{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_{BB}}{\Lambda}SB^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu}$$

**S** new resonance

Add a **Dirac Fermion Dark Matter** to the minimal Lagrangian



Most of the width generically comes from invisible decays

# Large Width and DM

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Signal strength

$$g_{GG}^2 g_{BB}^2$$

Relic density

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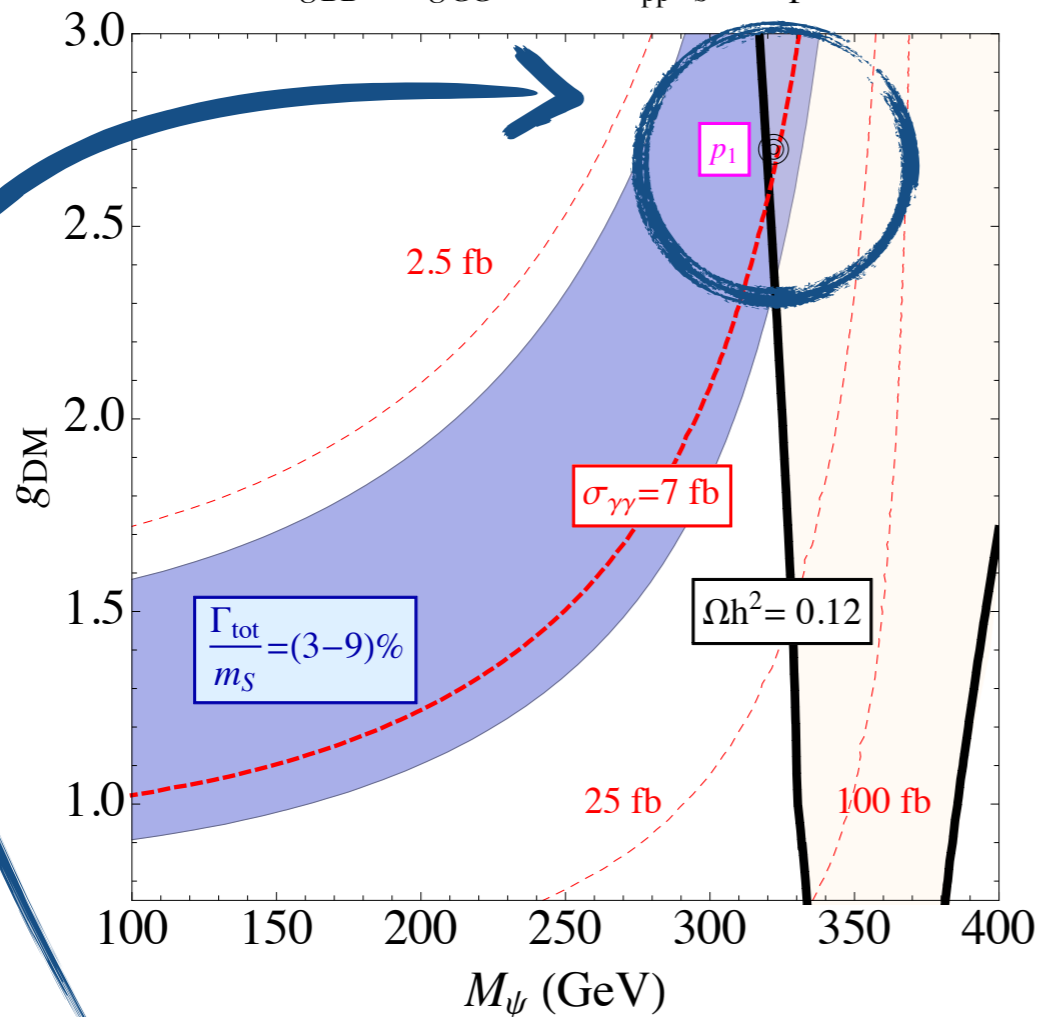
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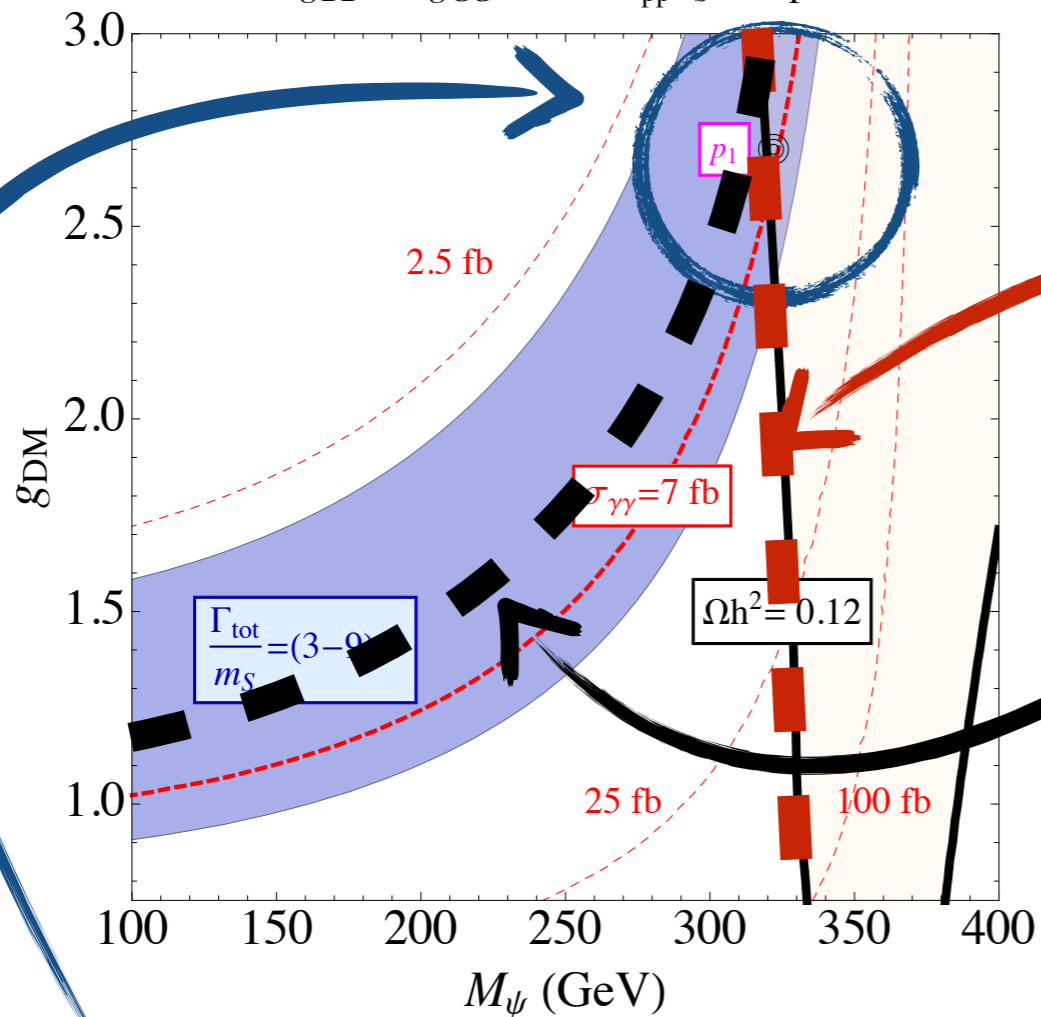
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**Relic density Line**

**Decay Width of 6%**

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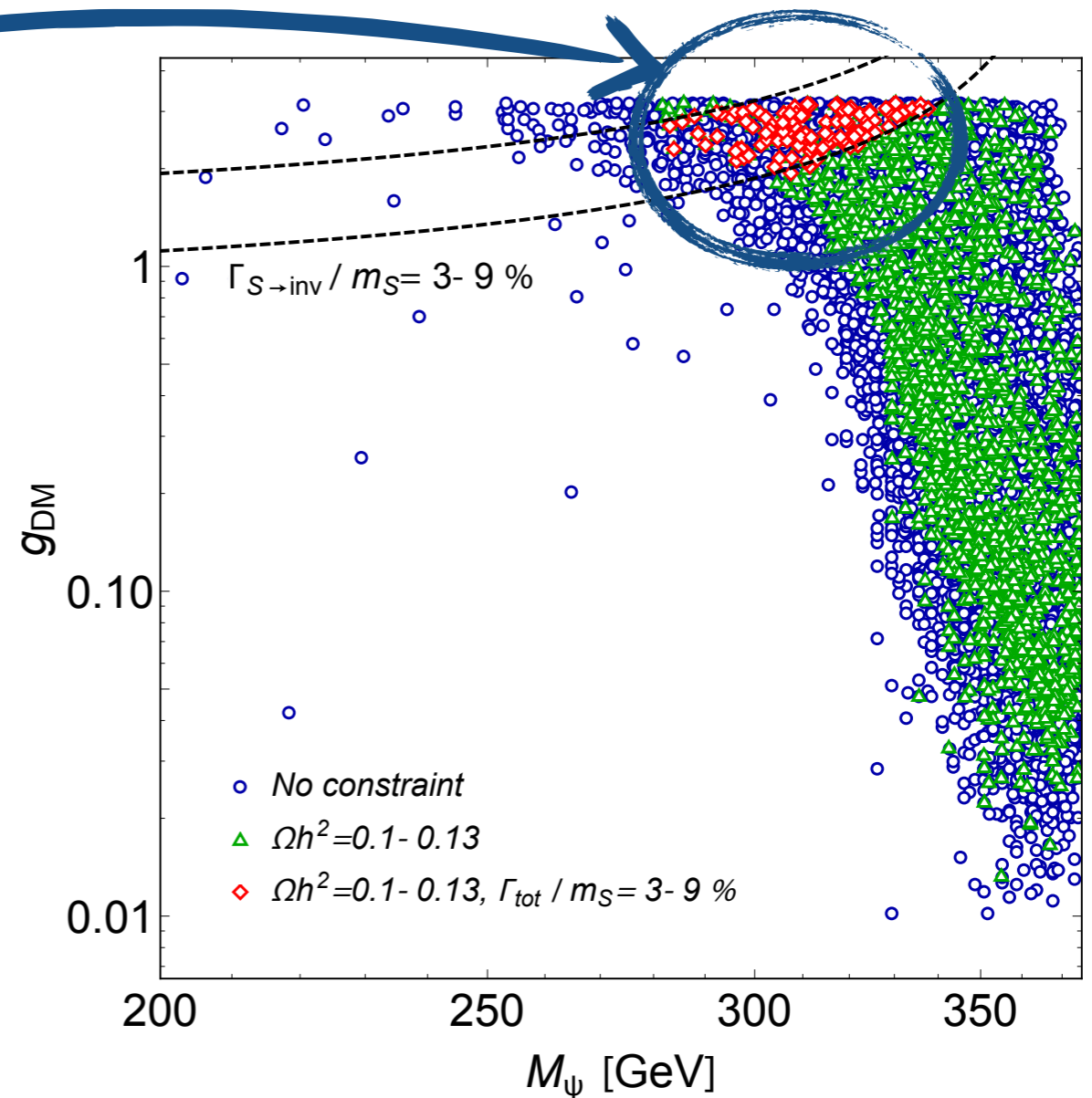
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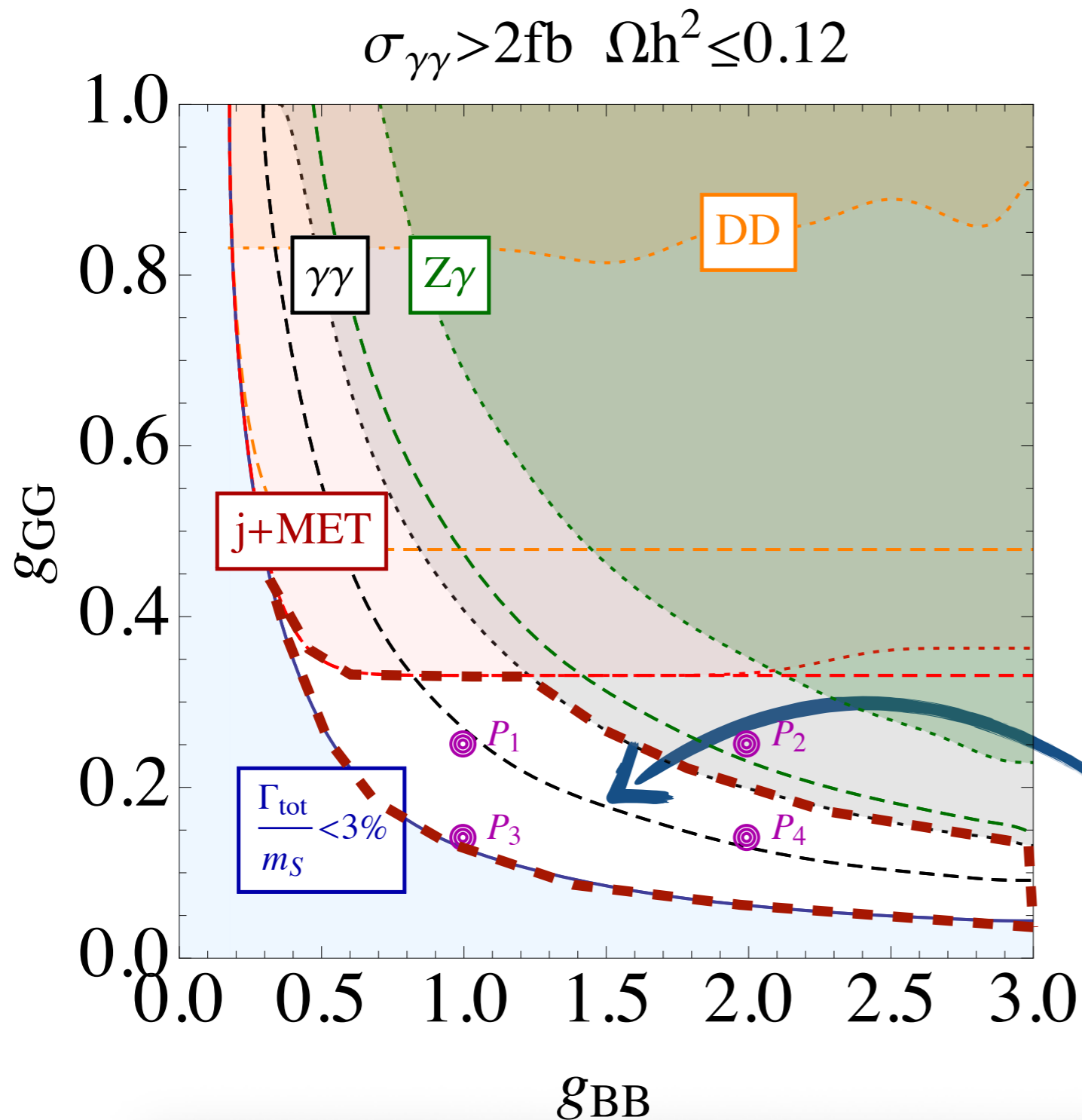
$$M_\psi, g_{DM}$$

$$g_{DM} \sim O(2), m_{DM} \sim O(300)\text{GeV}$$

**Result is robust even  
changing couplings to  
gluons and photons**



# Compatibility with exp constraints



4-dimensional par. space  
projected onto  $g_{GG}$  and  $g_{BB}$

Dashed/dotted curves  
represent the  
**strongest/weakest** bounds  
(depending on the values of  
DM mass and coupling)

**Allowed parameter  
space**

**We can fit the di-photon signal and  
feature a large width!**

# Large Width and DM

*If the di-photon signal is indeed real...*

*... and the large width is confirmed ...*

**... a possible consistent interpretation is a scalar mediator to dark matter with  $\sim 300$  GeV DM mass and  $O(1)$  couplings ...**

This scenario is compatible with existing experimental constraints

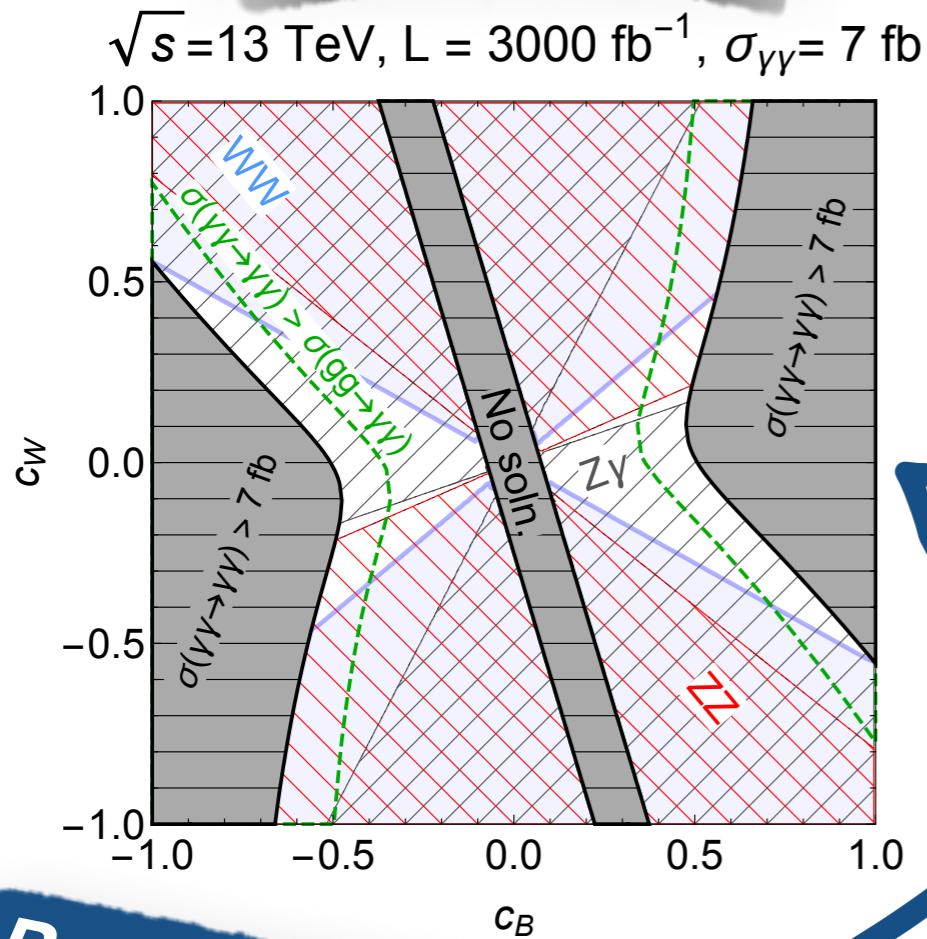
***... signals correlated with such interpretation should appear in MET+j channel at LHC and in direct detection experiments ...***

# Prospects for LHC13

arXiv:1605.07962

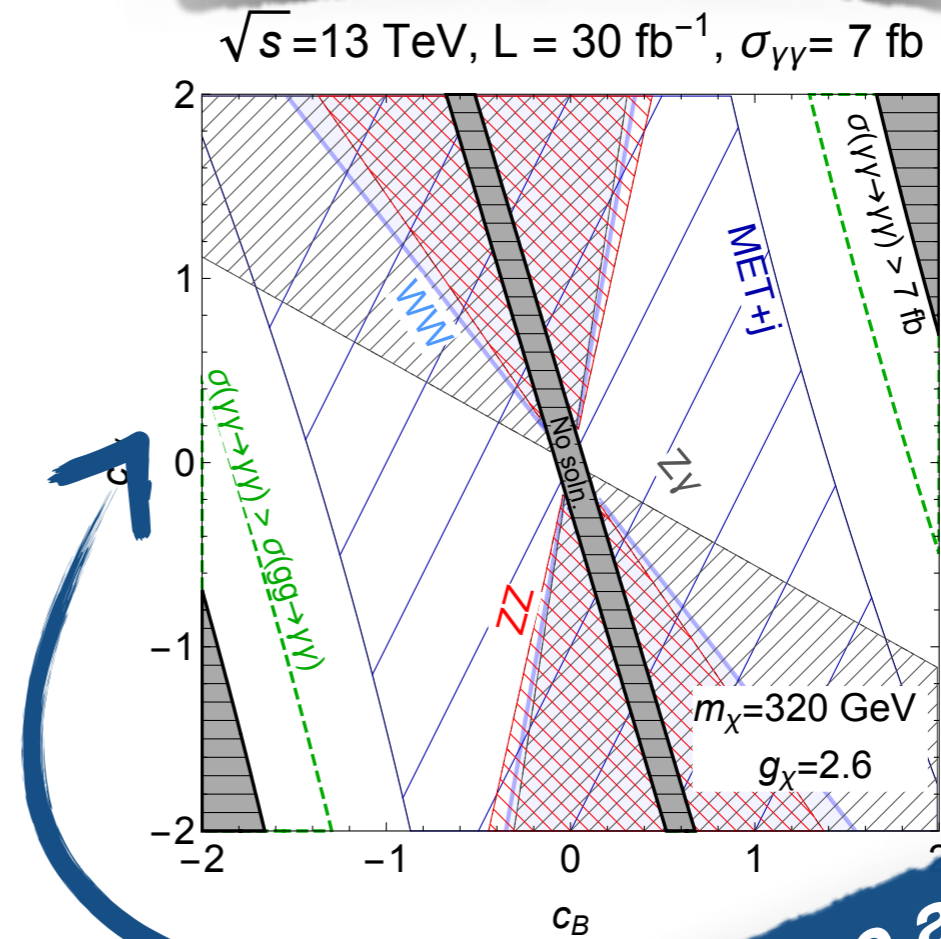
- **Extrapolate existing bounds from LHC8 to LHC13**
- **Explore parameter space imposing diphoton signal at 13 TeV**

## Vanilla model






Parameter space covered  
with 3000 inverse fb

## Dark matter model



Parameter space almost  
covered with 30 inverse fb

# The End

- Di-Photon excess triggered a lot of activity (and hope ...)
- Most explanations predict other NP around the corner
- Correlated signatures in EW gauge bosons
- Production mechanism could suggest vector like matter  @LHC
- Large width could be explained by invisible decay into DM  Dir.Det
-  Jet+MET  
If it is confirmed, and it's a scalar, we will have again  
hierarchy problem to solve ...

# The End

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***Thanks for your attention!***

*... let's see what the new data will tell us ...*