

$\gamma\gamma$ excess at the LHC:

the proof of concept towards the strongly coupled theory

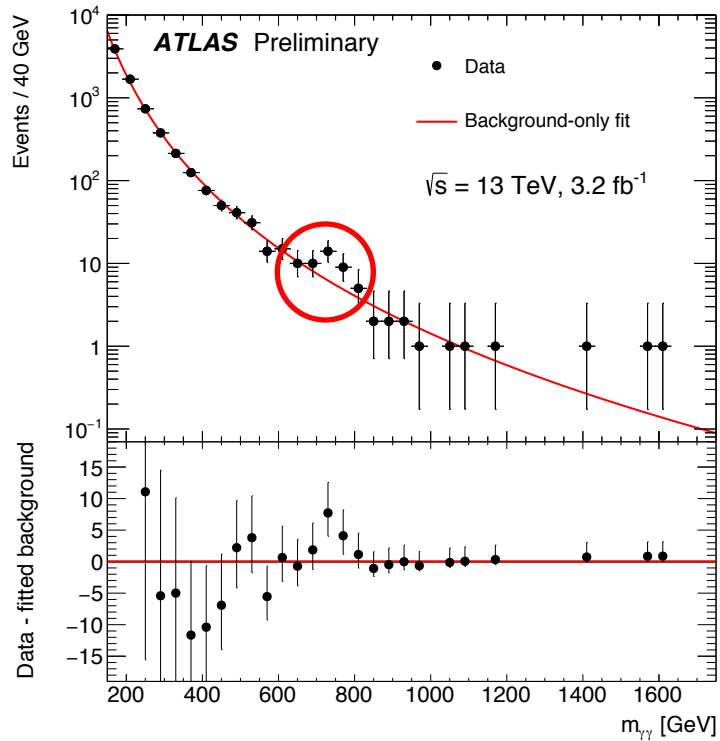
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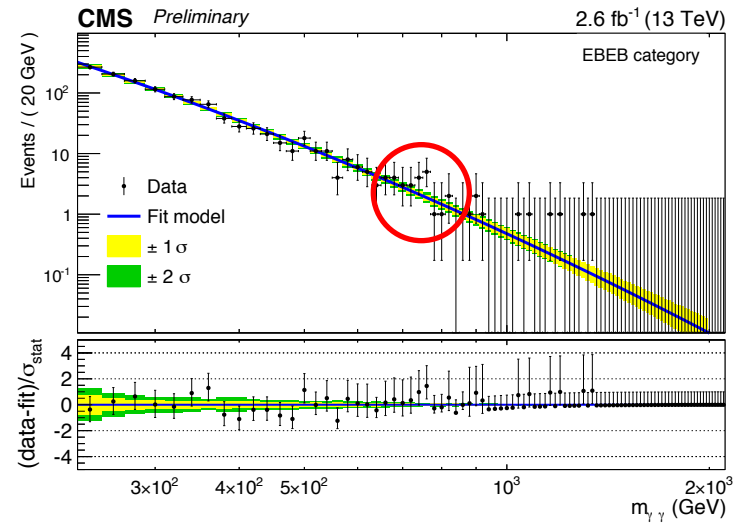
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Recent $\gamma\gamma$ excess at both ATLAS and CMS



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CMS-PAS-EXO-15-004

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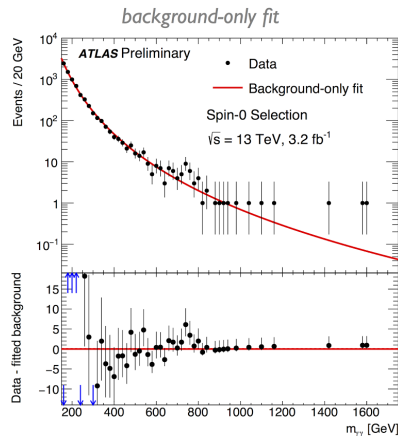
CMS: 2.6σ (local), 1.2σ (global)

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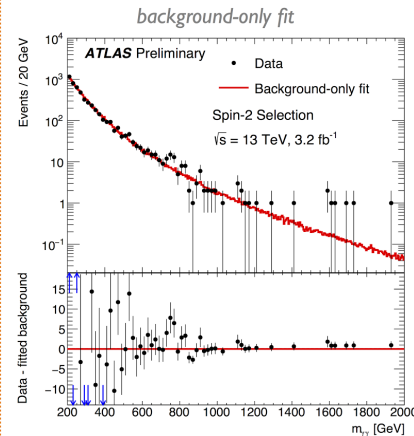
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ATLAS

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SPIN-2 ANALYSIS



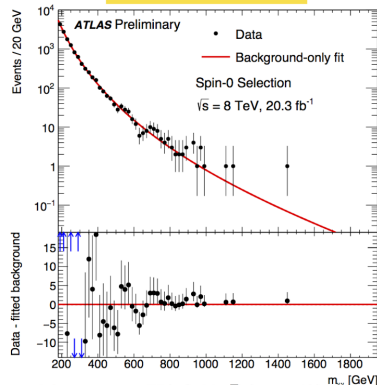
$\Gamma \sim 45 \text{ GeV (6\%)}$

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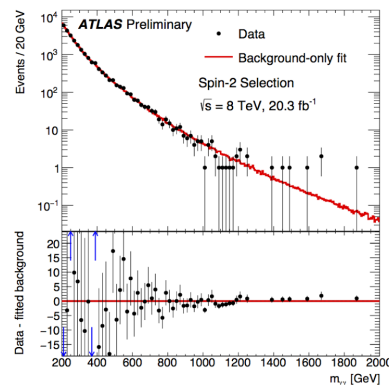
$3.6\sigma \text{ (local)}/1.8\sigma \text{ (global): spin-2}$

Compatibility $\sim 1.2\sigma$ (gg PDF)

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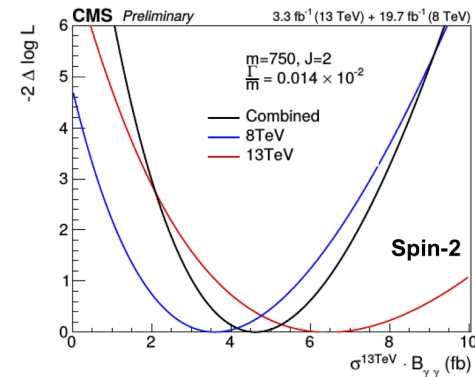
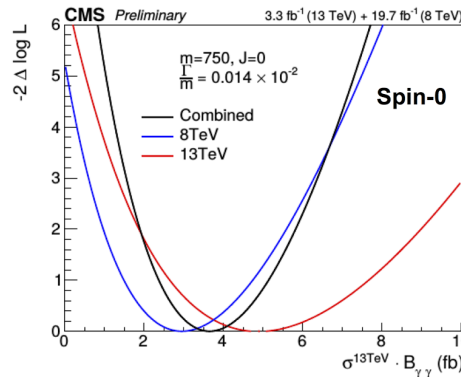
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Update

$$\Gamma/m = 1.4 \times 10^{-4}, 1.4 \times 10^{-2}, 5.6 \times 10^{-2}$$

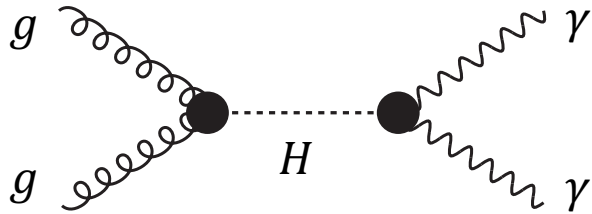
Local: 3.4σ (combined)/ 2.9σ (13TeV), Global: $1.6\sigma(< 1\sigma)$

Consistency between 8TeV and 13TeV



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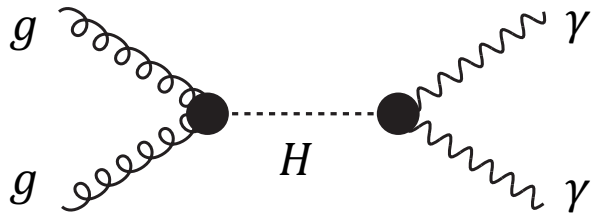
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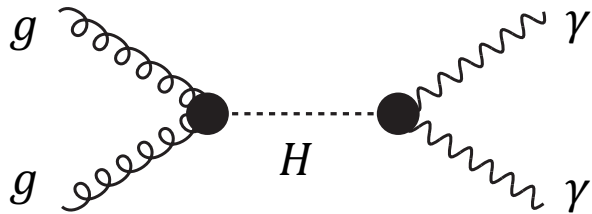
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*It smells like some large number or big couplings are secretly involved
indicate strongly-interacting theory ??*

Assuming the narrow Width

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PDF Lumi. Ratio: $13\text{TeV}/8\text{TeV} = 5.4 \text{ (bb)}, 5.0 \text{ (cc)}, 4.4 \text{ (ss)}, 2.7 \text{ (dd)}, uu(2.5), 4.7 \text{ (gg)}$
 @ 750 GeV

To be compatible with 8 TeV data

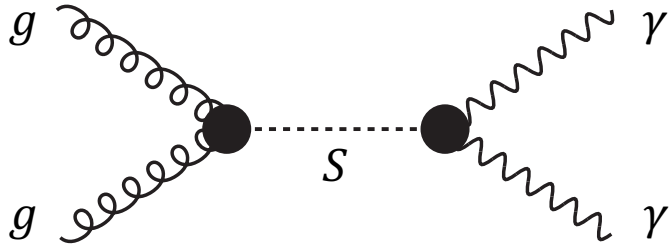
Assuming the production via gg PDF

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \approx \frac{1}{M\Gamma_S} C_{gg} \Gamma(S \rightarrow gg) \Gamma(S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$$

$$C_{gg} = \frac{\pi^2}{8} \int_{M^2/s}^1 \frac{dx}{x} g(x) g(M^2/sx) = 2137 \text{ (174)} \text{ at } \sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ (8) TeV}$$

EFT approach

EFT: dim-5 operators

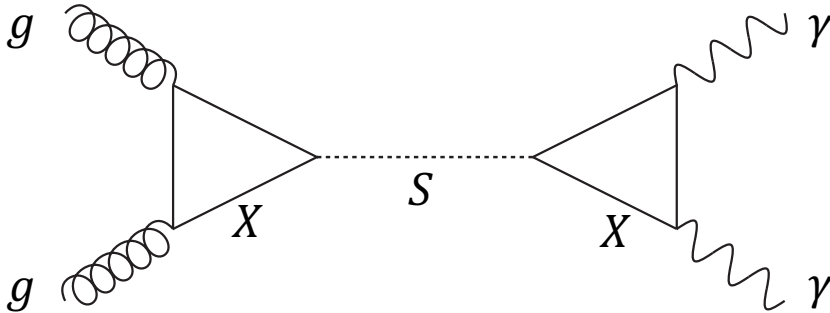


$$L_{eff} = \frac{e^2}{16 \pi^2} \frac{c_{s\gamma\gamma}}{M} S F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{g_s^2}{16 \pi^2} \frac{c_{sgg}}{M} S G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a \mu\nu}$$

How to UV-complete S

This is all we care!

A simple weakly-coupled realization is to introduce Vector-like fermions/scalars



SM-loop excluded due to too large tree-level decay, e.g. $t\bar{t}$, $\Gamma_{t\bar{t}}/\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \sim 10^5$

$$L_X = \bar{X}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m_X)X - y_X S \bar{X}X$$

X : Vector-like Quark for simplicity

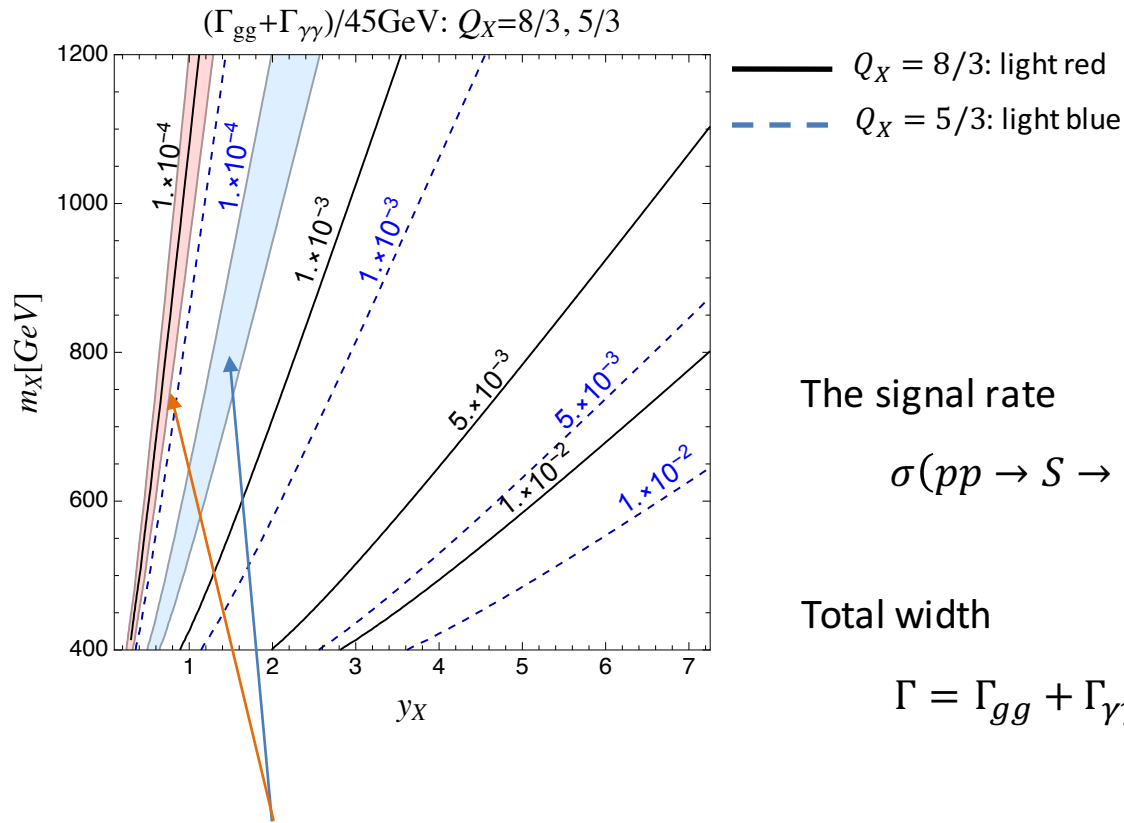
$$\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\alpha^2}{16 (4\pi)^3} c_{s\gamma\gamma}^2 M$$

$$\Gamma_{gg} = \frac{\alpha_s^2}{2 (4\pi)^3} c_{sgg}^2 M$$

$$c_{s\gamma\gamma} = 6 Q_X^2 \left[y_X 2\sqrt{\tau} A_{\frac{1}{2}}(\tau) \right] = 6 Q_X^2 c_{sgg} \text{ and } \tau = M^2/(4m_X^2)$$

Typical decay width in Vector-like Quark model

Assume $\Gamma = \Gamma_{gg} + \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$



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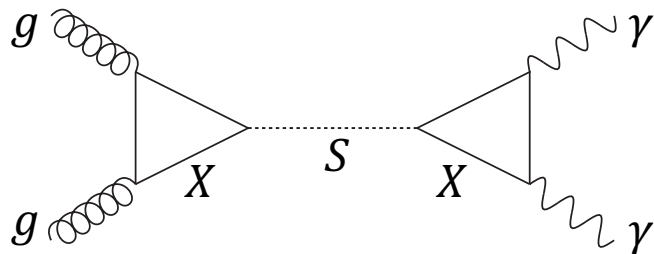
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Total width

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{gg} + \Gamma_{\gamma\gamma} \sim \text{a few } \times 10^{-3} \text{ GeV} \ll 1 \text{ or } 45\text{GeV}$$

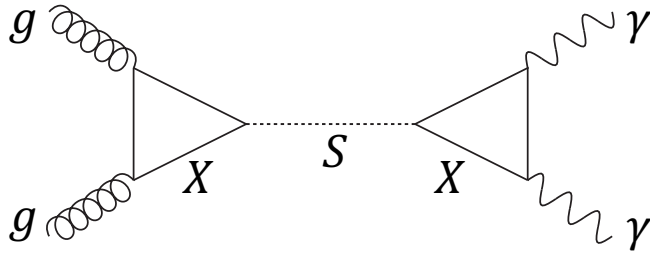
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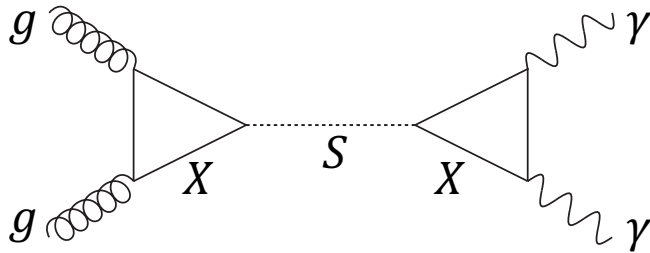
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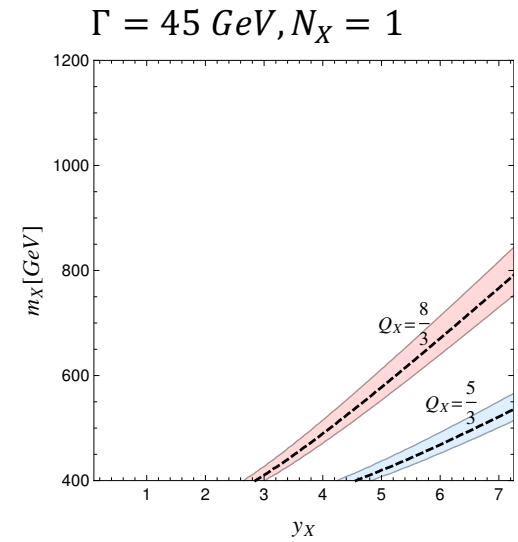
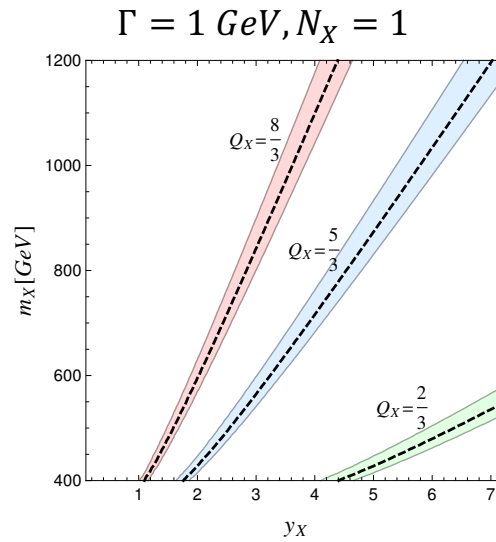
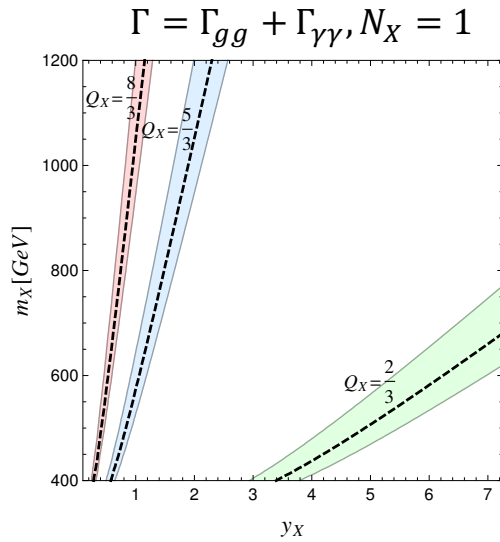
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- Asking both necessarily calls for a large number or big coupling

Alarming from a weakly-coupled theory viewpoint

The compatible parameter space with the signal rate

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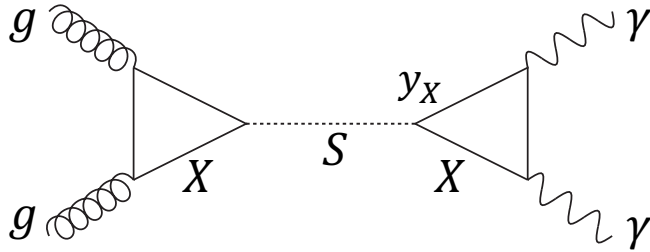


A weak coupling is allowed
for a large EM charge

A strong coupling
is favored

Parametric behavior

The parametric behavior will tell us what to do to bring a strong coupling to a weak coupling



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When $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \sim 1\text{-}45 \text{ GeV}$



As long as $y_X Q_X N_X \sim \text{const.}$
signal rate remains the same

$$= \frac{9}{4} \frac{C_{gg}}{s} \frac{c_0^2(\tau)}{(4\pi)^5} g_s^4 e^4 \frac{y_X^2 Q_X^4 N_X^2}{g_s^4 + 9/2 e^4 Q_X^4}$$

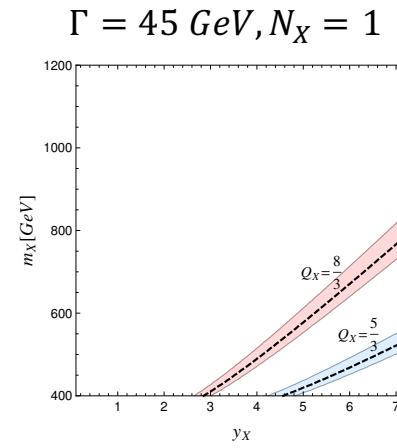
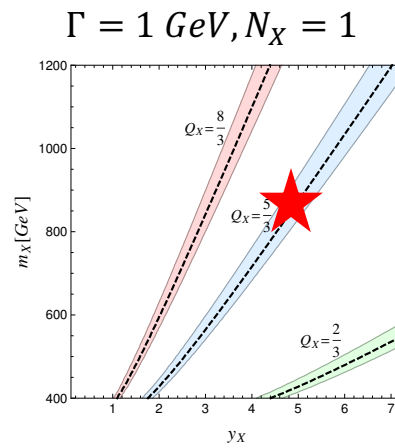
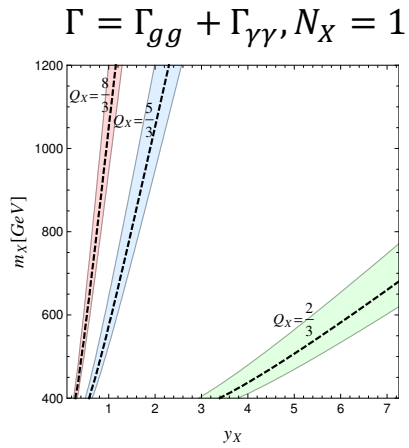
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Similarly for this case

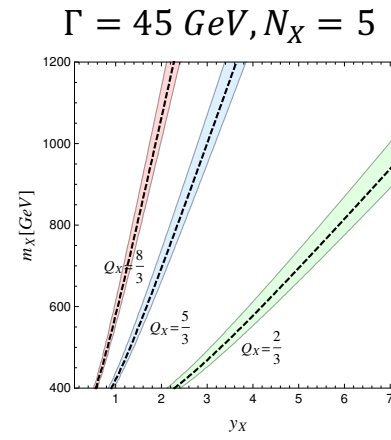
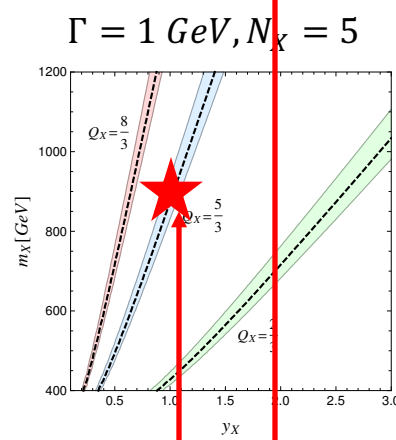
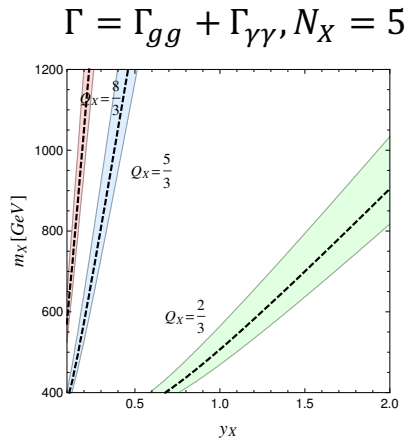
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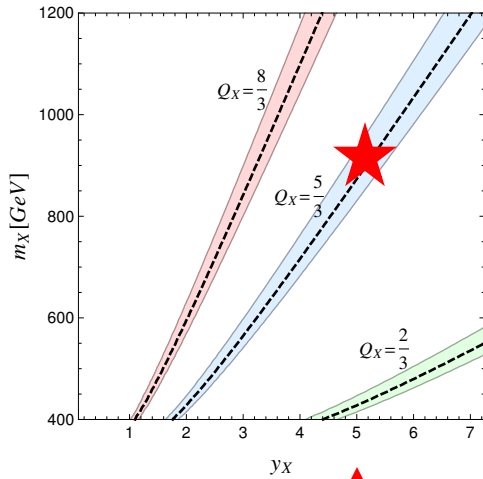


Varying N_X to bring y_X to a weak value

As long as $y_X Q_X N_X \sim \text{const.}$ for large width



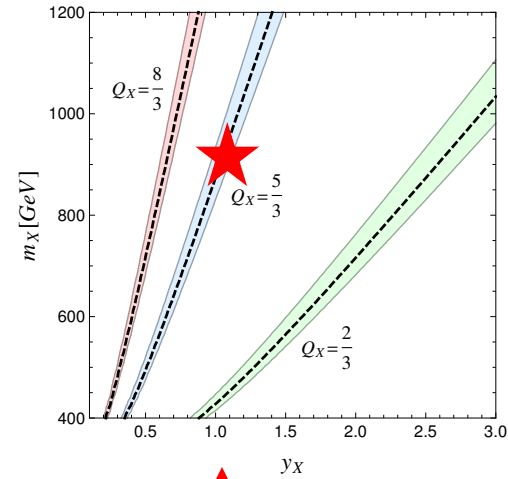
$$\Gamma = 1 \text{ GeV}, N_X = 1$$



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But are we really in a weakly coupled regime?

Or is it just an illusion?

- ✓ OUR WORRY: Any large numbers, e.g. y_X, N_X, Q_X can widely change RG running of the couplings → some running couplings might rapidly blow up

To answer our question, we need to carefully examine RGEs

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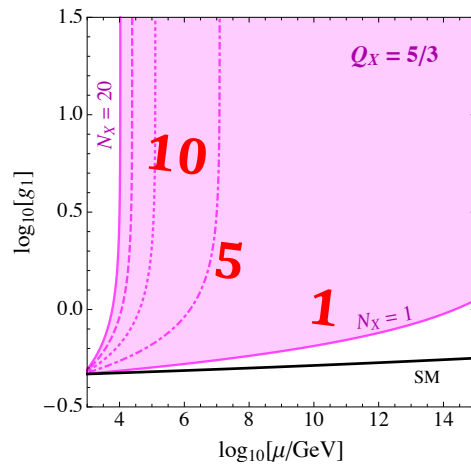
Vacuum
Instability

Running Hypercharge coupling

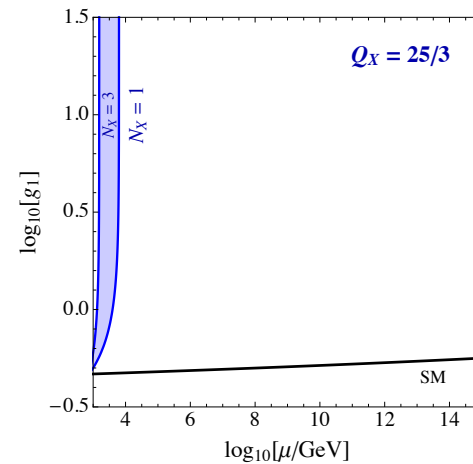
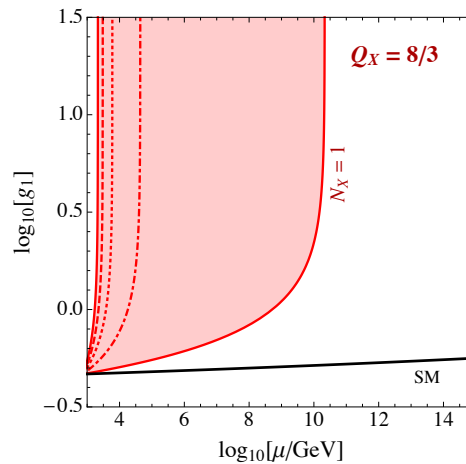
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$$\rightarrow g_1(\mu) = \frac{4\sqrt{2} \pi g_1(\mu_0)}{\sqrt{80\pi^2 - g_1^2(\mu_0)(24N_X Q_X^2 + 41)\ln(\mu/\mu_0)}}$$

: It could lead to Landau pole



$N_X = 20, 15, 10, 5, 1$



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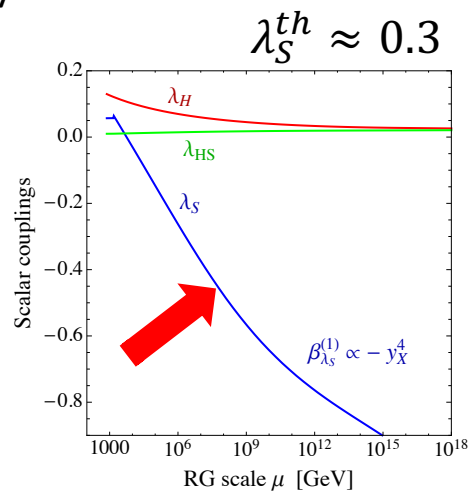
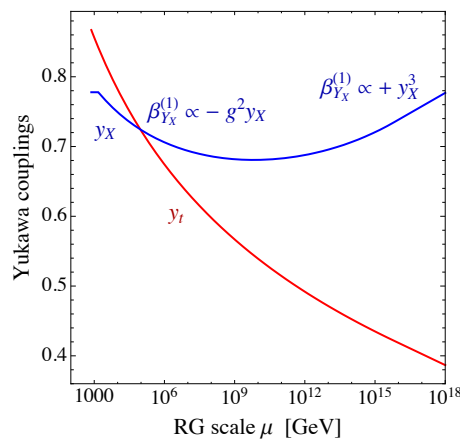
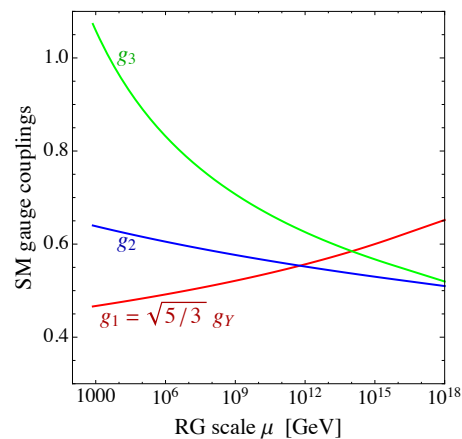
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Although these look fine, it develop a dangerous pathology



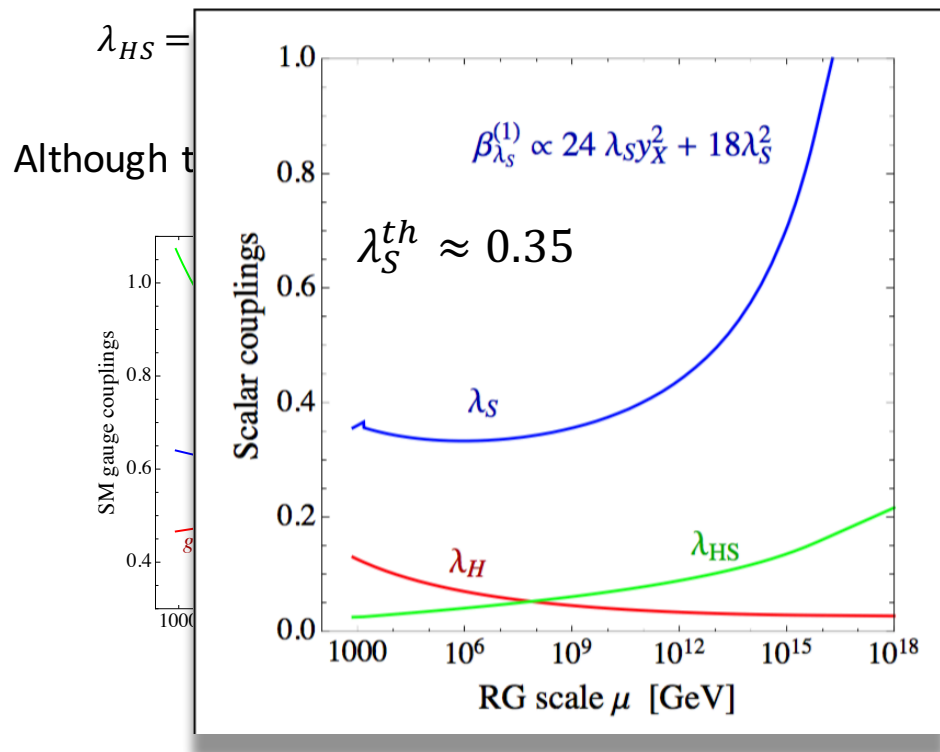
→ positive terms $\beta_{\lambda_S}^{(1)}$ dominate over negative term to avoid negative λ_S if

$$\lambda_S > \lambda_S^{th} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\sqrt{-\lambda_{HS}^2 + 4N_X^2 y_X^4 + 12N_X y_X^4 - 2N_X y_X^2} \right)$$

$$\beta_{y_X}^{(1)} = y_X \left(3(2N_X + 1)y_X^2 - \frac{18}{5}Q_X^2 g_1^2 - 8g_3^2 \right)$$

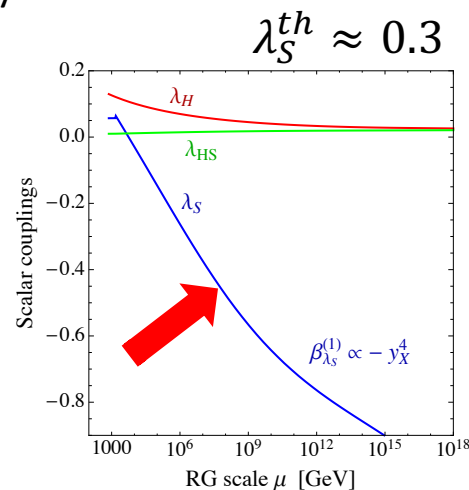
$$\beta_{\lambda_S}^{(1)} = 2\lambda_{HS}^2 + 24N_X\lambda_S y_X^2 + 18\lambda_S^2 - 24N_X y_X^4$$

□ Illustrative example for qualitative discussion



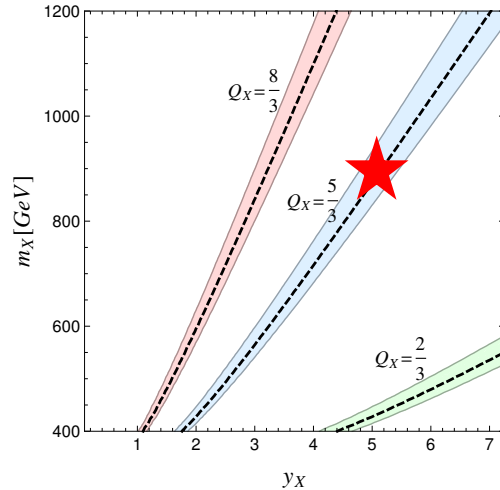
$2/3, N_X = 1: \lambda_S = 0.06$

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As you see, the problem is already evident even if we decided to work, for illustrative purposes, with a moderately small Yukawa coupling, $y_X = 0.75$

Illustration of realistic example

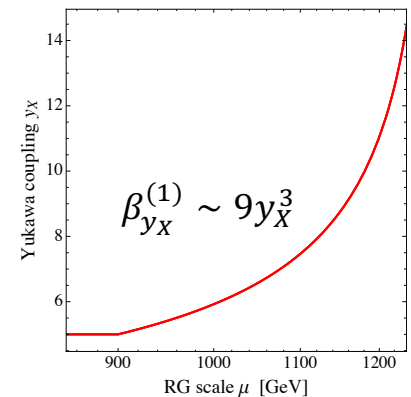
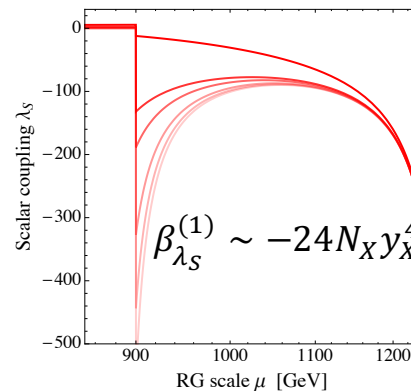


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Pick one benchmark point

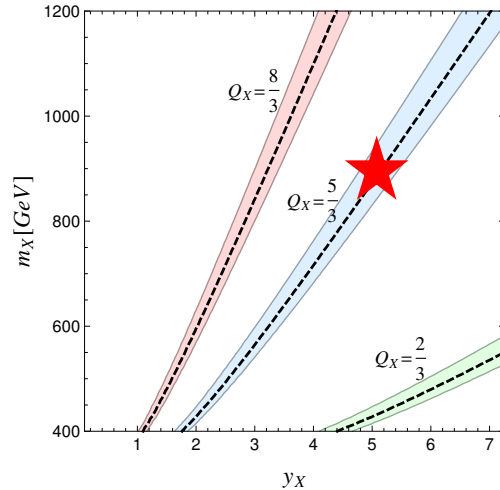
$$m_X = 900 \text{ GeV}, \\ N_X = 1, Q_X = 5/3, y_X = 5$$

Obviously strongly coupled



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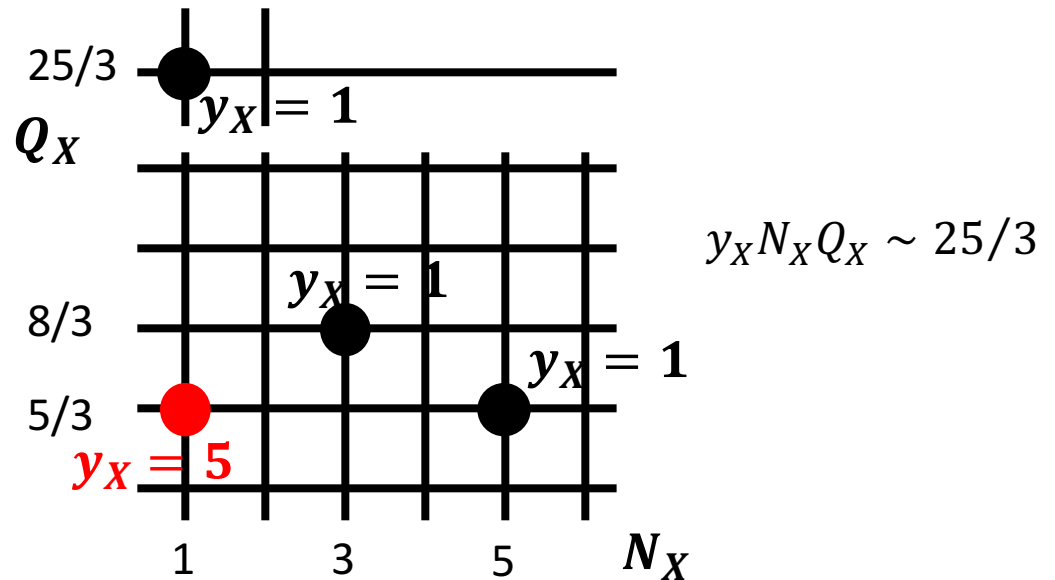
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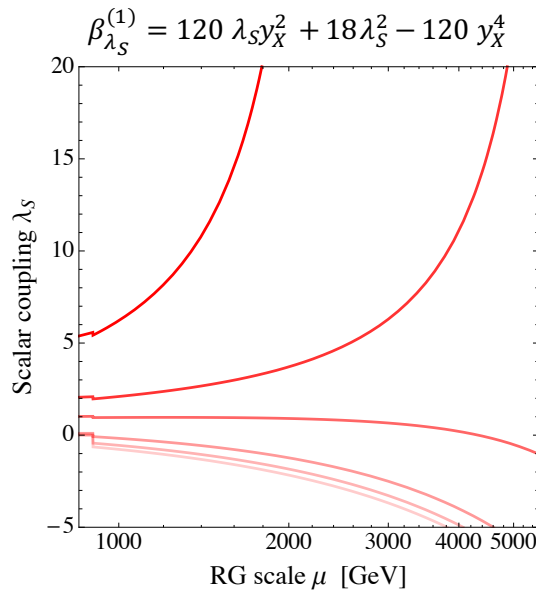


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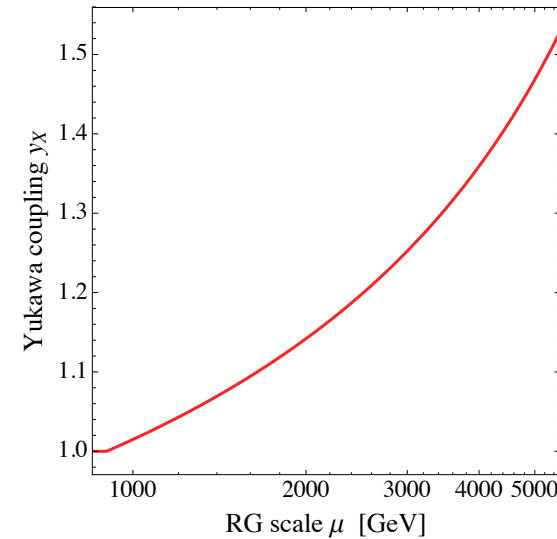
Varying N_X

$$m_X = 900 \text{ GeV},$$

$$N_X = 5, Q_X = 5/3, y_X = 1$$



$$\lambda_S(\mu_0) = 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-1}, 1, 2, 5 \text{ (from lighter to darker)}$$

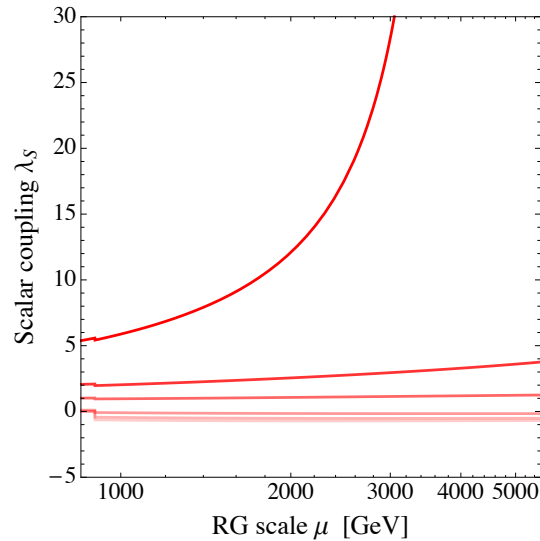


- ✓ Theory reveals an instability at a scale not far away $O(\text{TeV})$ for generic values of the couplings
- ✓ There exists a very fine-tuned initial value, $1 \leq \lambda_S(\mu_0) \leq 2$ which are almost unaffected by RG effects, this particular point does not correspond to a special property of the theory.

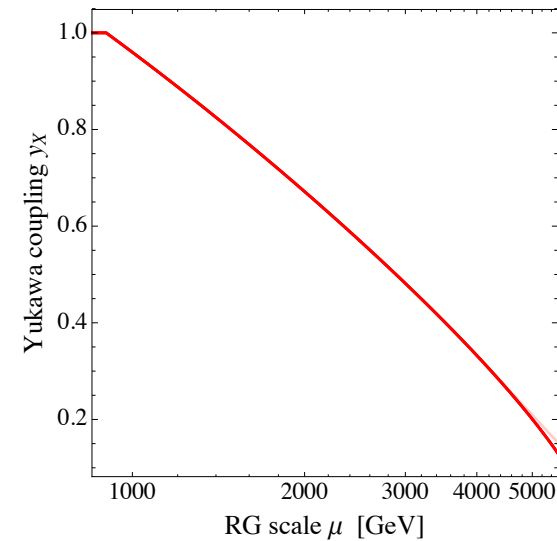
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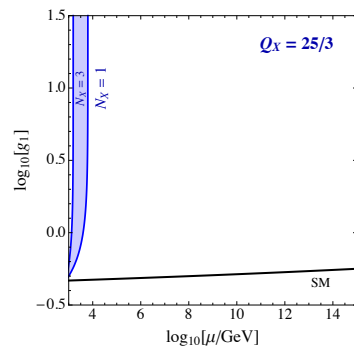
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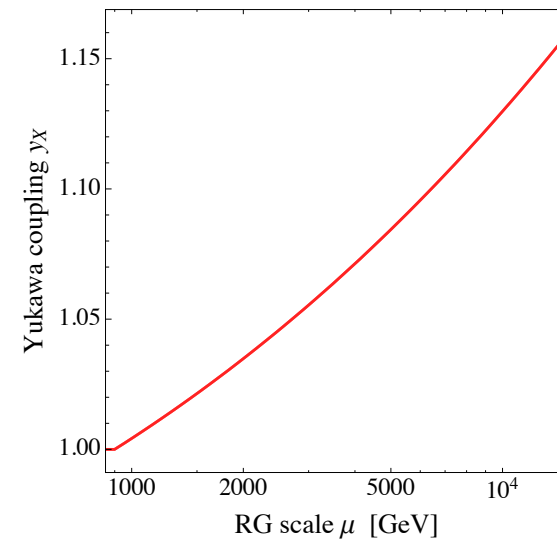
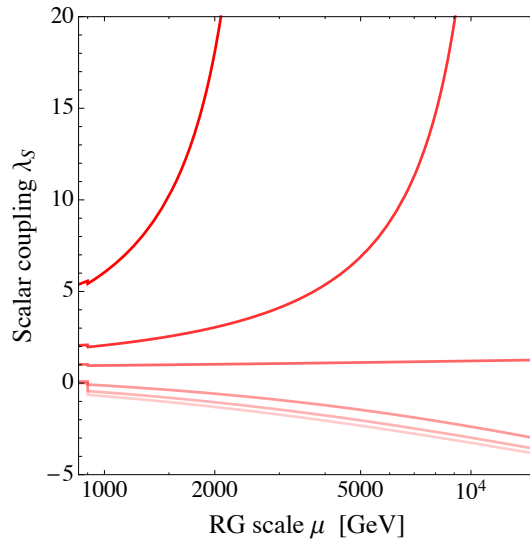


- ✓ Large EM charge was already unrealistic from the point of hypercharge coupling running

$$\beta_{g_1}^{(1)} = \left(\frac{41}{10} + N_X Q_X^2 \frac{12}{5} \right) g_1^3$$

Varying N_X, Q_X

$$m_X = 900 \text{ GeV}, \\ N_X = 3, Q_X = 8/3, y_X = 1$$



$\lambda_S(\mu_0) = 10^{-3}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-1}, 1, 2, 5$ (from lighter to darker)

- ✓ If $\lambda_S(\mu_0) \sim 1$, a stable solution exists, almost unaffected by RG flow. Again, this solution looks like the result of a fine-tuning rather than a special property of the theory.
- ✓ However, it is undeniable that in this scenario a weakly coupled theory valid to a high energy scale can be constructed. The upper limit of the validity of the theory is set by the hypercharge coupling running, $\Lambda \sim 300 \text{ TeV}$

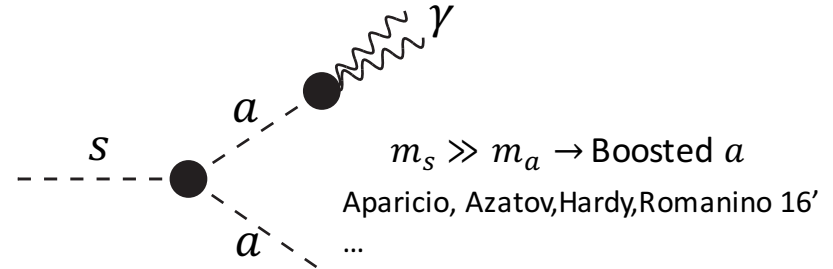
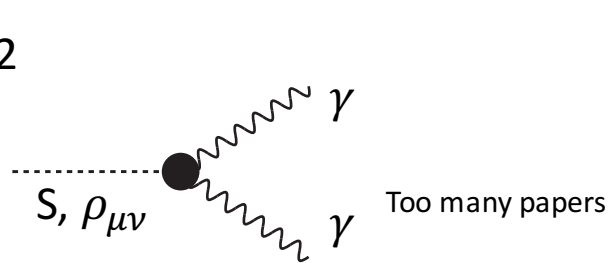
No matter what we do, the large total width as big as $\Gamma \sim O(1 \text{ GeV})$ indicates a strongly coupled theory not far away from TeV scale

When increasing $\Gamma \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$ to $\Gamma \sim 45 \text{ GeV}$,
the $y_X N_X Q_X$ gets worse by the factor of $y_X N_X Q_X \sim (45 \text{ GeV})^{1/4}$

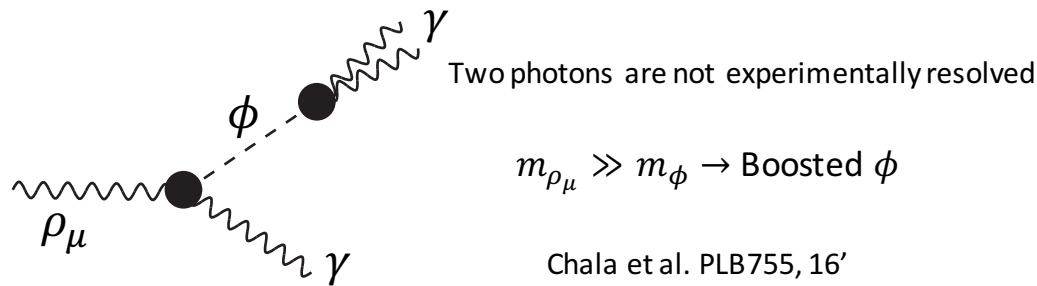
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \propto \frac{y_X^4 Q_X^4 N_X^4}{\Gamma}$$

Other resonance-interpretation

Spin-0, 2



Spin-1



Chala et al. PLB755, 16'

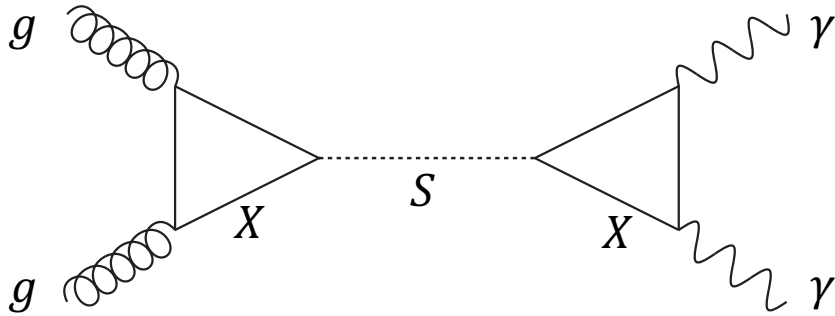
Our arguments apply to all these variants.
Have equally hard time to be weakly-realized

Precision Drell-Yan process

If $\gamma\gamma$ excess is confirmed to be true, Drell-Yan process becomes one of the important window to the New Physics

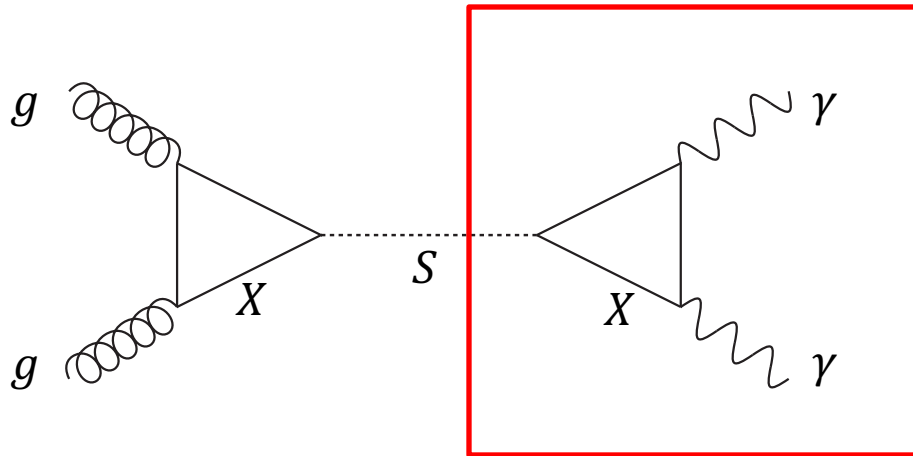
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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial S} \left(\text{loop with } \gamma, X, \gamma \right)$$

Basically two-point function carries all the information

Where can we see the non-standard behavior of two-point function?

- ❖ We will assume X is SU(2) singlet. SU(2) doublet is more vulnerable to EWPT

List all quantities that are related to the two-point function

LEP bound (assuming $q^2 \ll m_X^2$)

$$\Pi_{BB}(q^2) \sim \Pi_{BB}(0) + q^2 \Pi_{BB}^{(1)} + \boxed{q^4 \Pi_{BB}^{(2)}} + \dots$$


$$Y = d_X N_X Q_X^2 \alpha_Y^2 \frac{m_W^2}{15\pi m_X^2}$$

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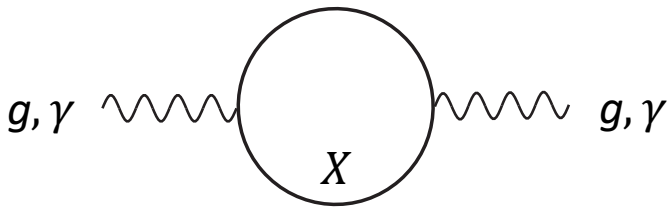
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Running hyper-charge/strong-QCD couplings



Virtually accessible to X
Its effect appears indirectly

Modifying REGs

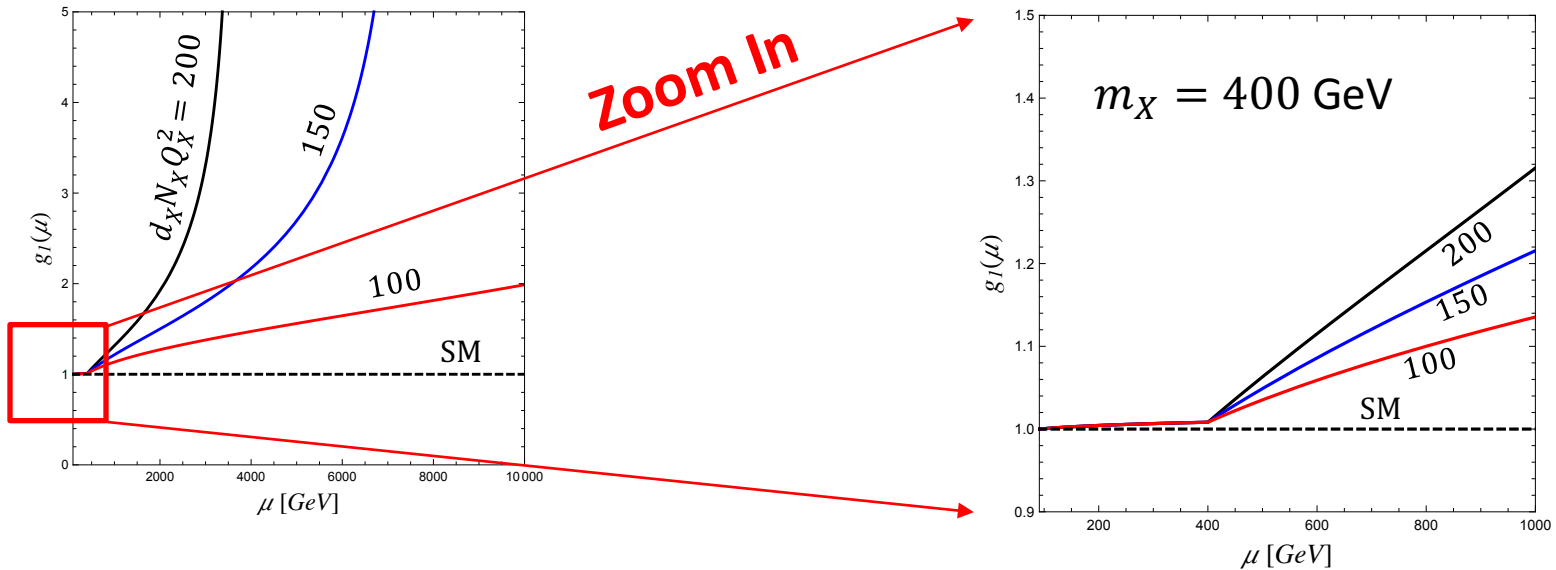
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We will focus on hypercharge running

$$\mu \frac{dg_3}{d\mu} = \beta_{g_3} = \left(-7 + N_X \frac{2}{3} \right) g_3^3$$

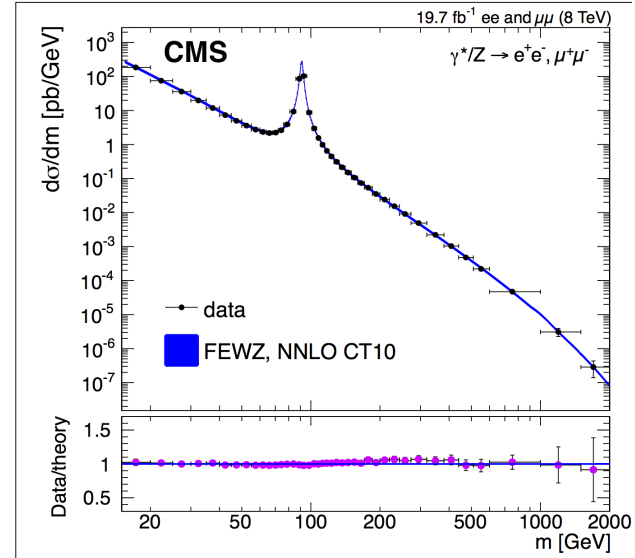
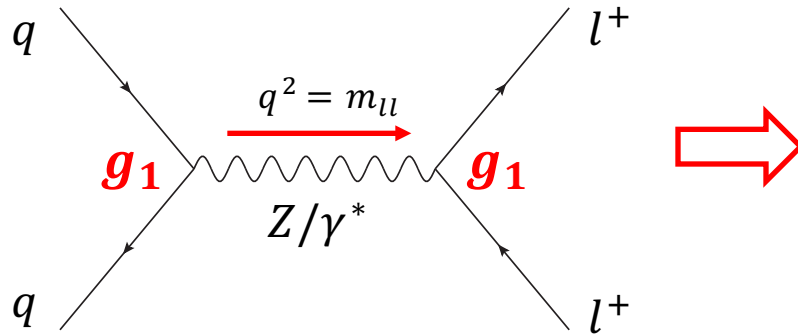
Running hyper-charge coupling

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Precision Drell-Yan process at the LHC

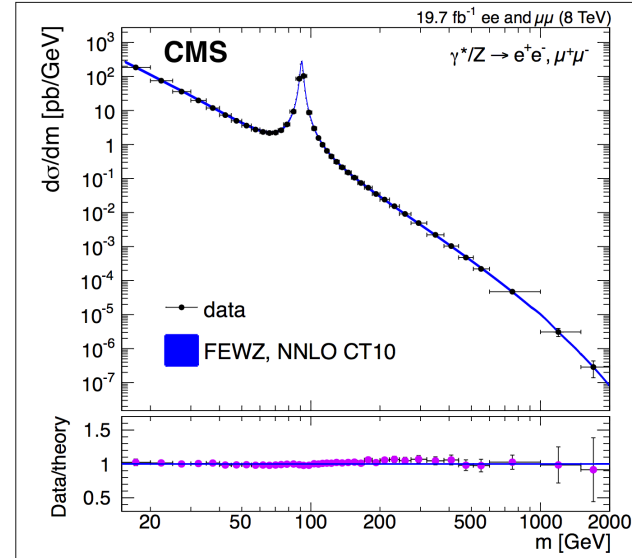
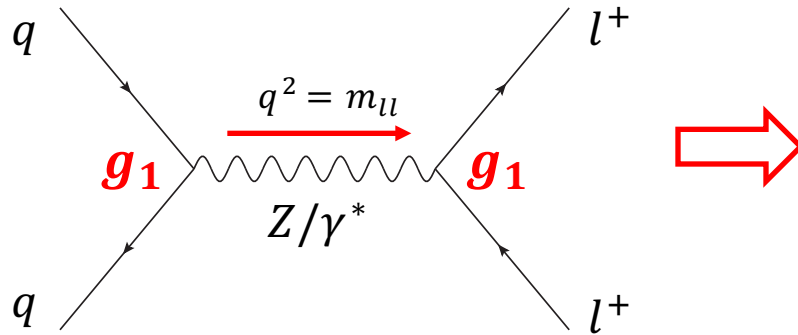
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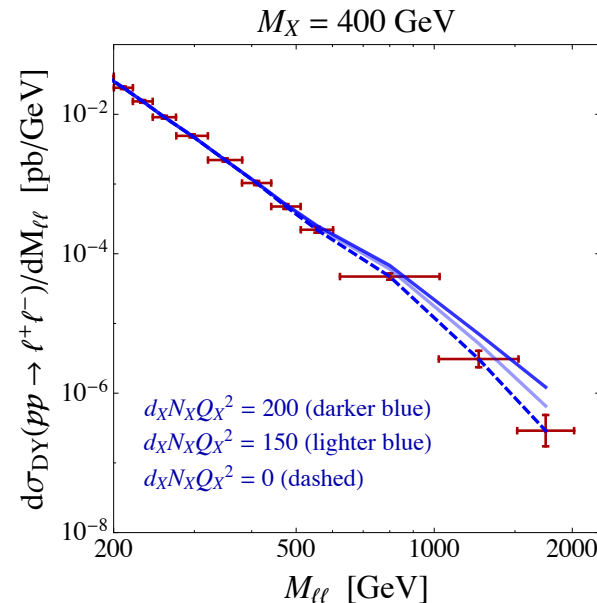
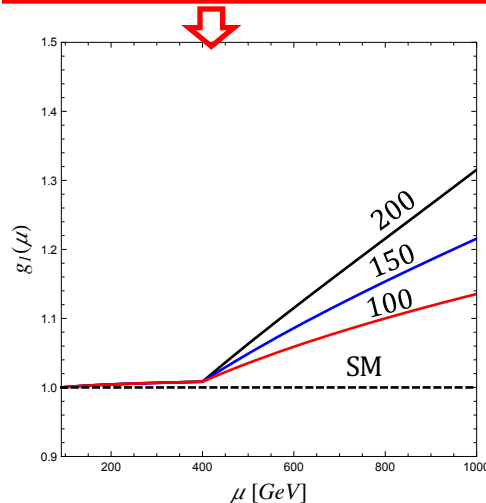
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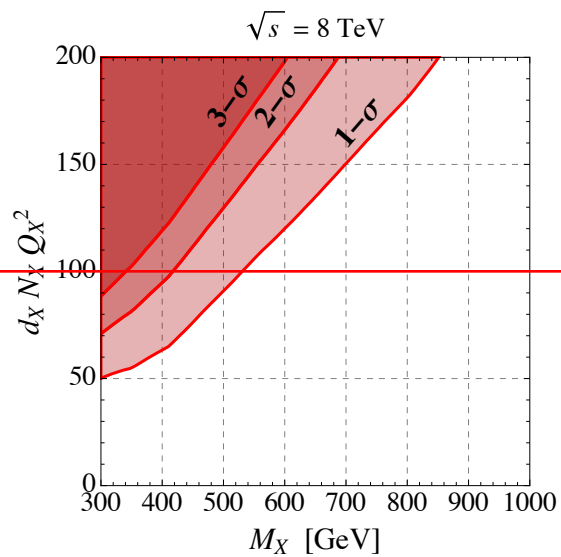
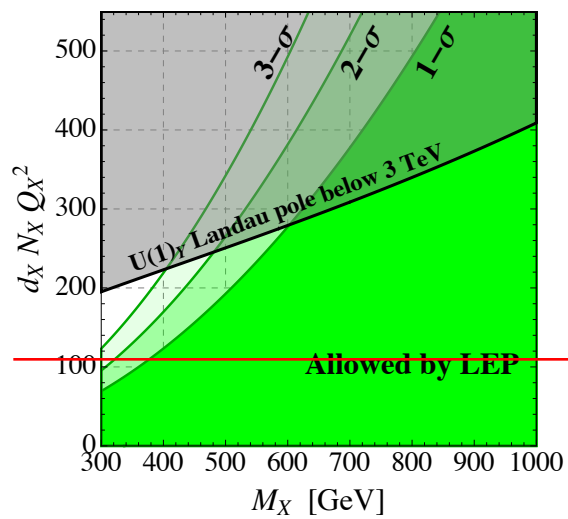


✓ If the differential cross section can be measured up to $\leq O(10\%)$, a meaningful bound on X can be extracted

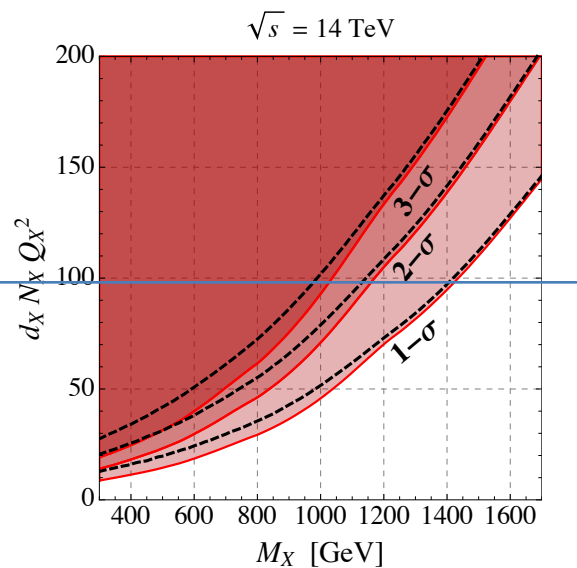
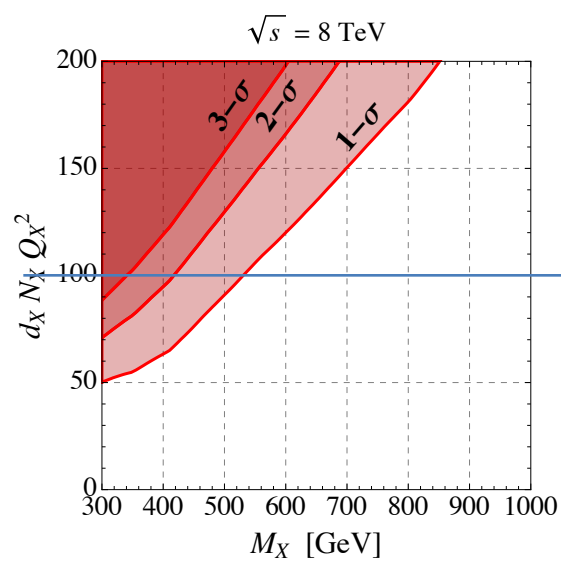
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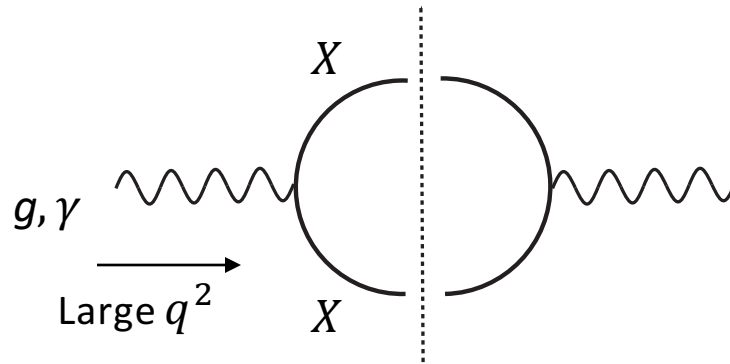


Drell-Yan process at the LHC at 8TeV and 14TeV

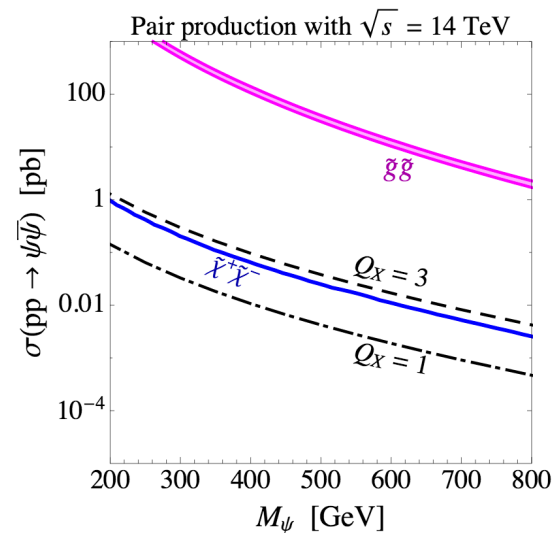
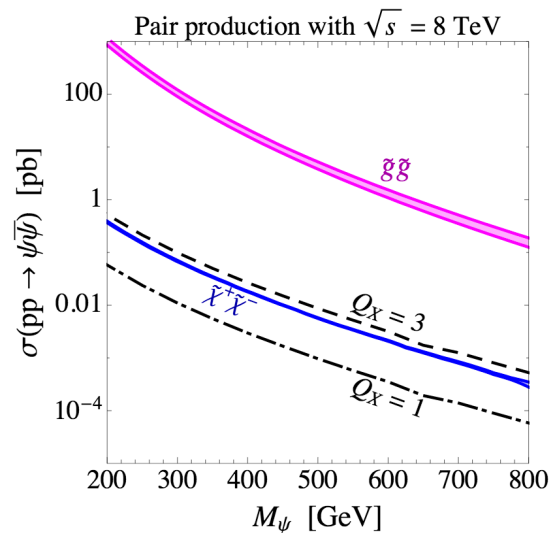


Projection at 14TeV

Drell-Yan vs. Direct detection at the LHC



When a large energy is available, X can be directly produced, e.g. Optical Theorem
Look for the smoking gun signals at the collider



Rescale by a factor of
 $d_X N_X Q_X^2 \times$

- ❖ The direct search is not easy due to the very complicated decay modes whereas DY process depends on only quantum numbers (universal!)

Summary

$\gamma\gamma$ excess is getting better in both ATLAS and CMS

From RGE viewpoint

$\gamma\gamma$ excess and a large total width are not easy to be embedded in a weakly-coupled realization (except for the fine-tuned cases)

- ✓ It likely implies a strongly coupled dynamics not far away from O(TeV) scale

Precision Drell-Yan process

If $\gamma\gamma$ excess is confirmed, the Drell-Yan process at the LHC becomes a very important window to the New Physics

- ✓ It changes the differential cross section via the running of the gauge couplings
- ✓ It relies on only the quantum numbers, not specific to the decay channels