

Digging Deep at the LHC

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First Glance beyond the Energy Frontier

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Digging Deep

- Is the SM a complete description of LHC physics?
 - No?
 - Yes?
 - Don't know? *Not good...*
- Is naturalness a correct principle guiding the TeV scale?
 - QFT dynamics controls physics?
 - History of the universe confounds QFT expectation?
 - Just anthropics in the end?

Both of these require comprehensive search strategy

- Need for efficient strategy, broad approach, high precision

Where are we?

- SM-like Higgs akin to Michelson-Moreley MJS, '12
 - Null experiment – absence of clues
 - Flies in face of well-established understanding
 - We DO understand QFT and naturalness theoretically
 - Naturalness works in QCD
 - Naturalness works in condensed matter
 - Not obvious if a small problem or a big one
 - Not obvious what experiments to do next
- Could this just all be anthropics?
 - Could there be a landscape of vacua? Sure.
 - Is SM all determined by simply demanding a habitable vacuum? No.

No, it's NOT Anthropics at the LHC

(Or if it is, it's much more interesting than it would naively seem...)

- Anthropics might explain the cosmological constant.
 - Argument is general
 - Many fundamental theories might easily satisfy its premises
- But anthropics cannot by itself explain naturalness puzzle
 - Required premises strain credulity
 - No known fundamental theory would satisfy its premises
 - Even hard to imagine how it could, given what we know
 - “Artificial Landscape Problem”

Where I'm going

- Goal of this anthropic argument:
 - NOT: predict c.c. or electroweak mass scale within order of magnitude
 - ONLY: predict very general features of the universe on very general grounds
 - BUT: claim that anthropics predicts
 - A small c.c.
 - A large **natural** hierarchy – not an unnatural one
 - THEREFORE: **Anthropics does not solve the naturalness problem**
 - ➔ There is something to find!
 - More pheno at LHC (or elsewhere) than just SM
- What about existing anthropic solutions to naturalness problem?
 - The premises of these solutions violate the premises of my argument
 - The violation introduces a new problem, as bad as the naturalness problem
 - “Artificial landscape problem”
 - Merely replacing naturalness problem with artificial landscape problem

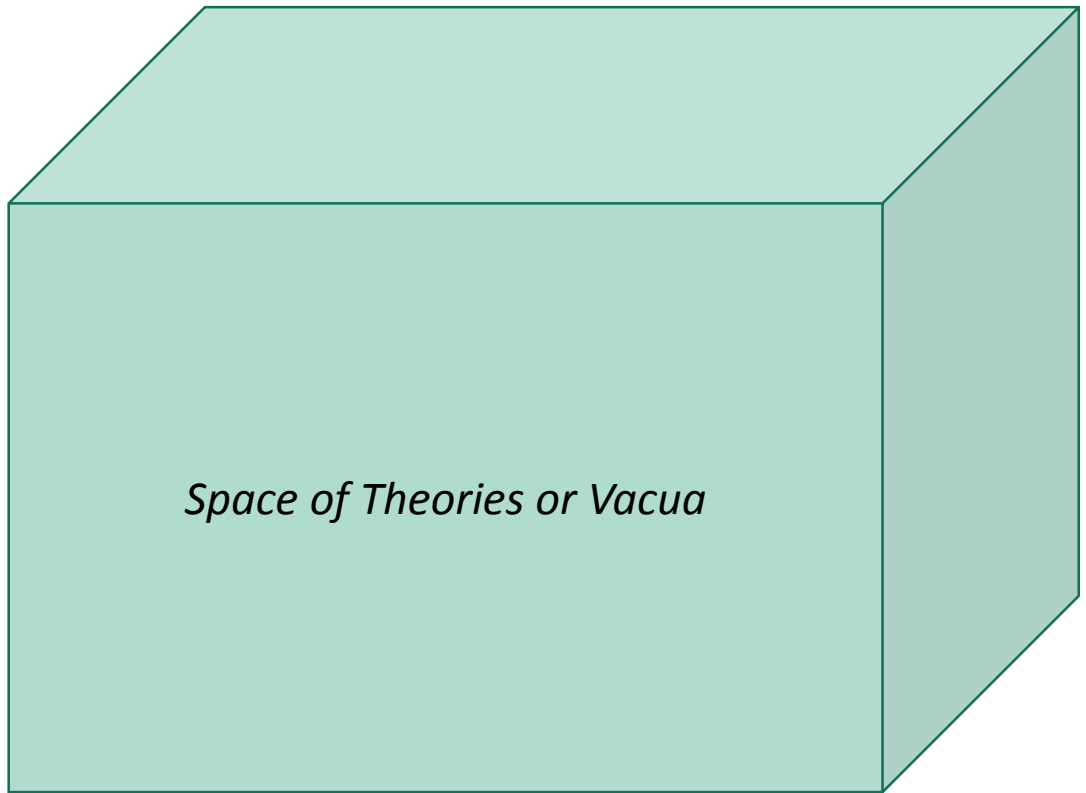
Starting assumptions

- A landscape of vacua
 - Gravity in all vacua (4d?)
 - Some of these vacua have small c.c., most don't.
 - Some of these vacua have hierarchies, most don't
 - Of those that have hierarchies, some are unnatural, most aren't

Should we accept these premises?

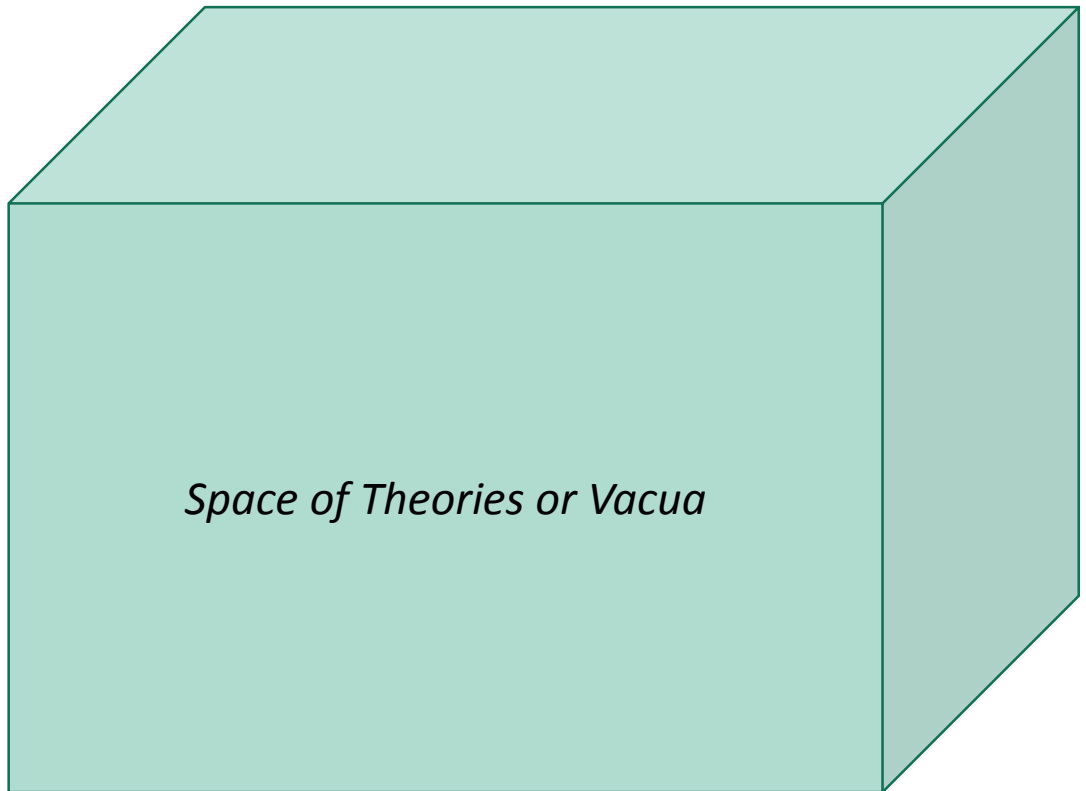
- The naturalness problem: Most hierarchies aren't natural
- Hierarchies aren't hard to achieve but aren't completely generic
 - *SUSY and SUSY-breaking hierarchies*
 - *Technicolor and other dynamical hierarchies*
 - *Small Yukawas (weakless; flavor hierarchies)*
 - *Vectorlike fermions (technically natural)*
- If cc couldn't be large, there's no cc problem anyway
- If gravity absent, both problems evaporate

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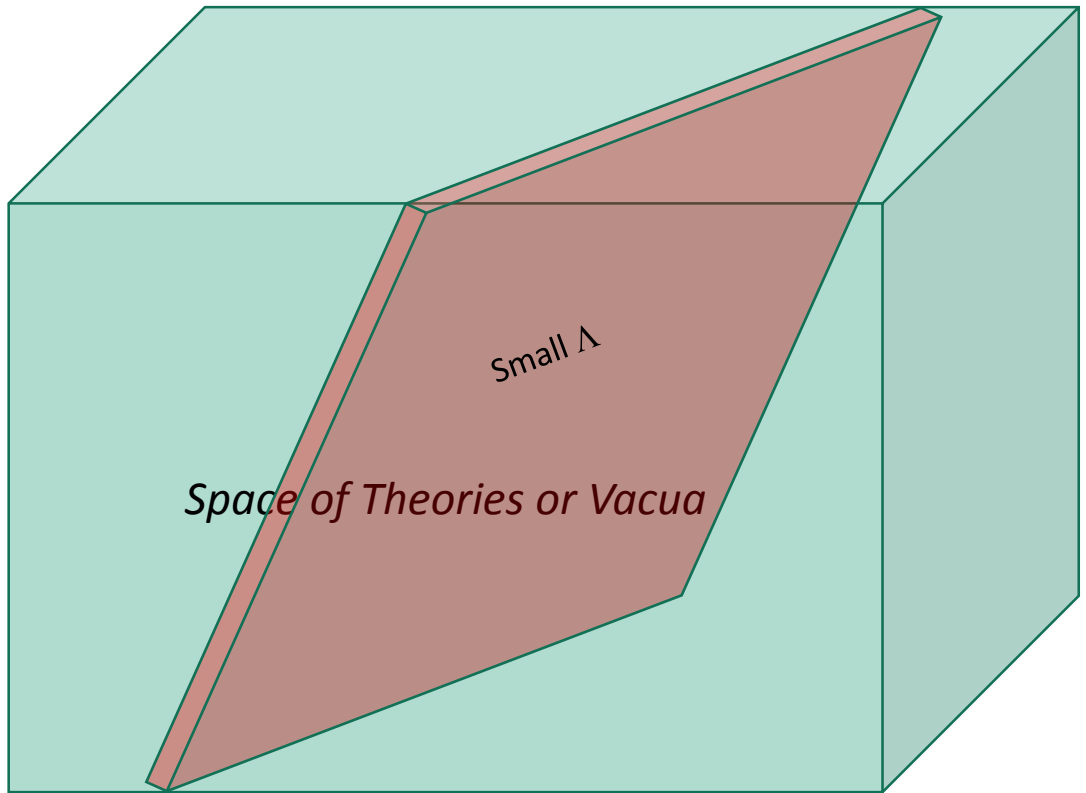
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- (Despite the drawing, this space is a discrete set, not continuous)



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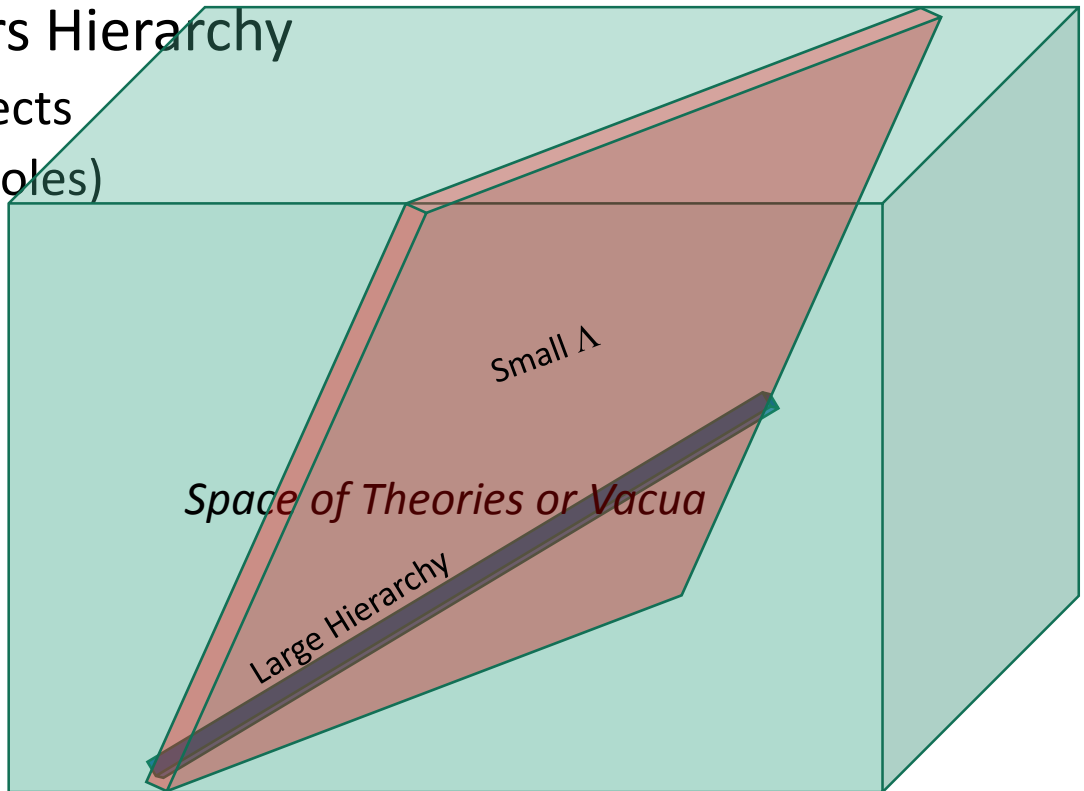
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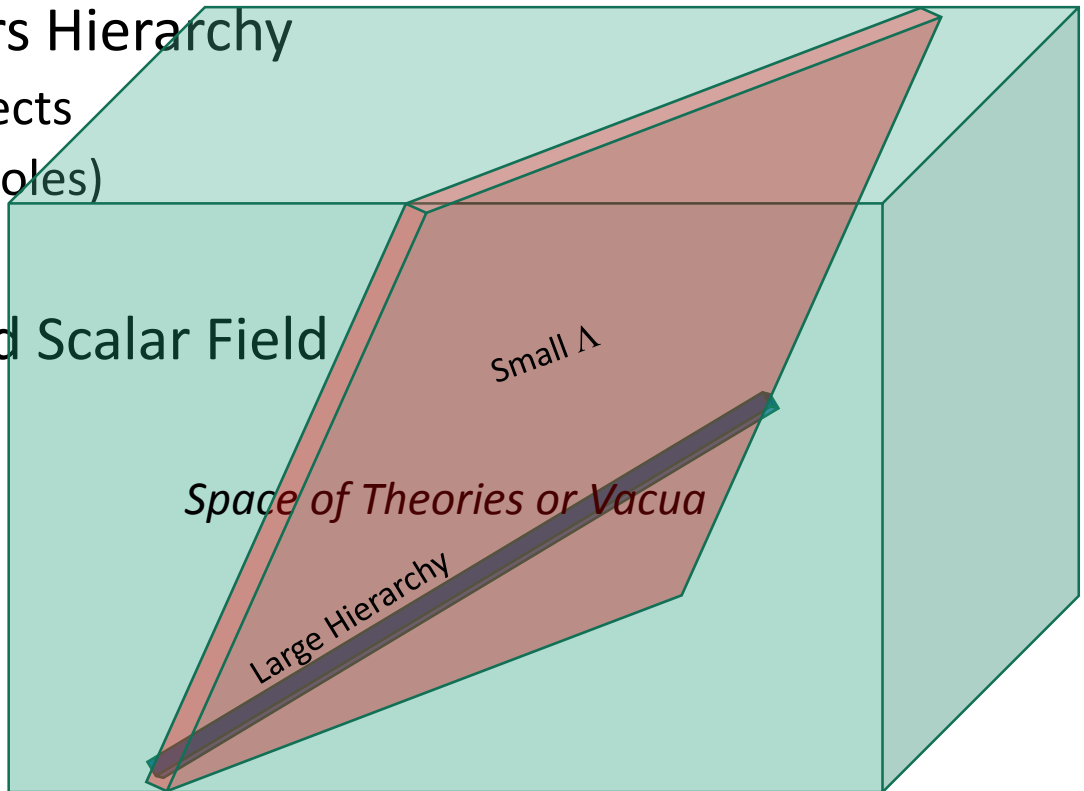
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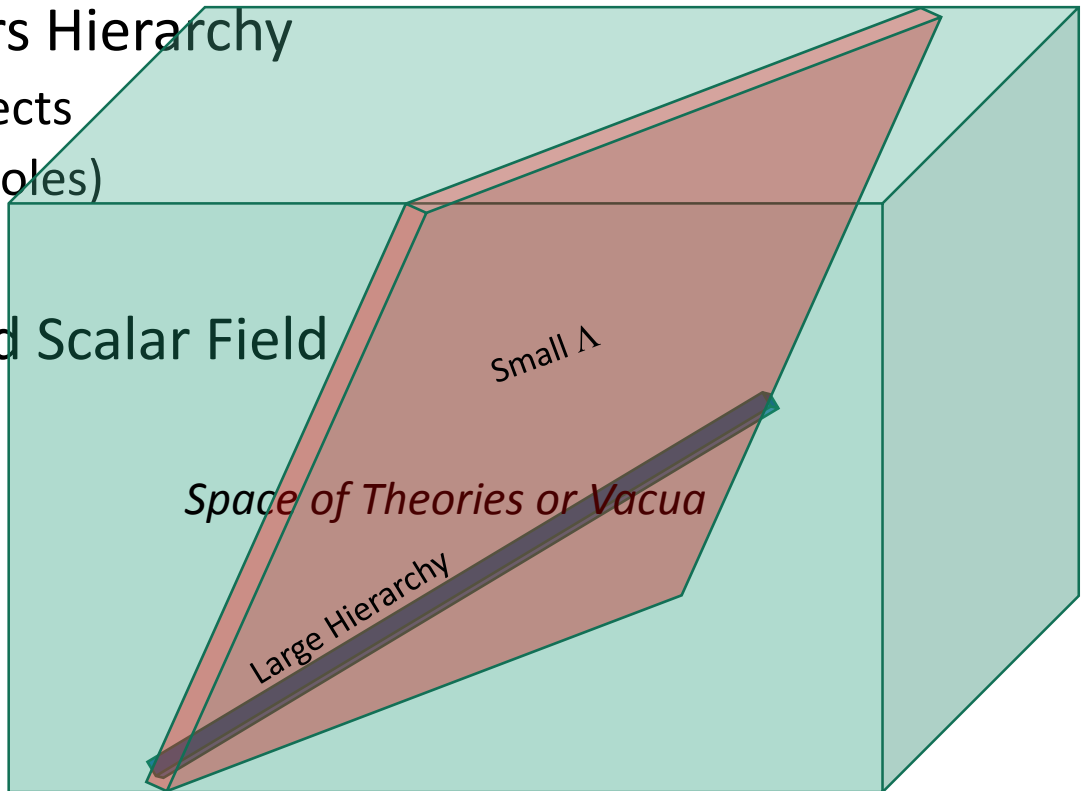
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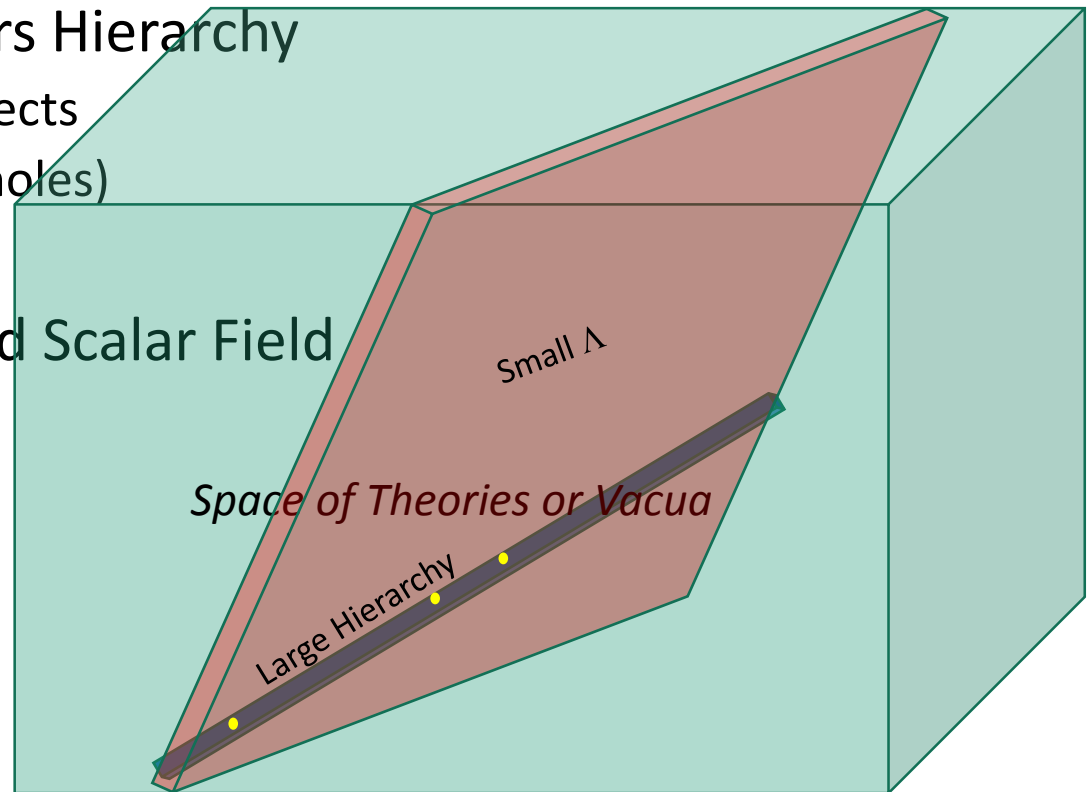
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The Argument, Again

- Observers need some space and a lot of time
 - ➔ need small cosmological constant
 - ➔ cosmological constant must be small
- Observers need complexity
 - ➔ need simple objects that are massive but don't form black holes
 - ➔ need hierarchy of masses between M_{pl} and other objects
- Observers need X
 - ➔ need X' to assure X
 - ➔ need hierarchy to arise from a light unprotected scalar to assure X'

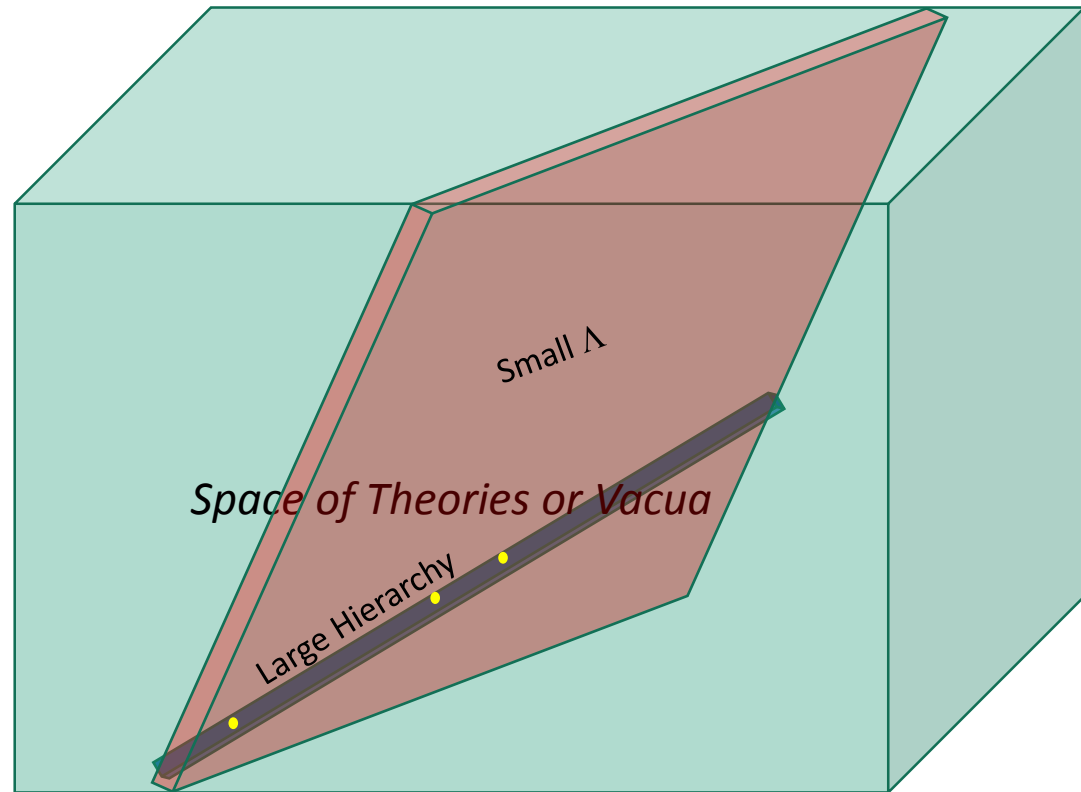
To apply the anthropic argument to the Higgs naturalness problem, need a third criterion!

What are X and X'?

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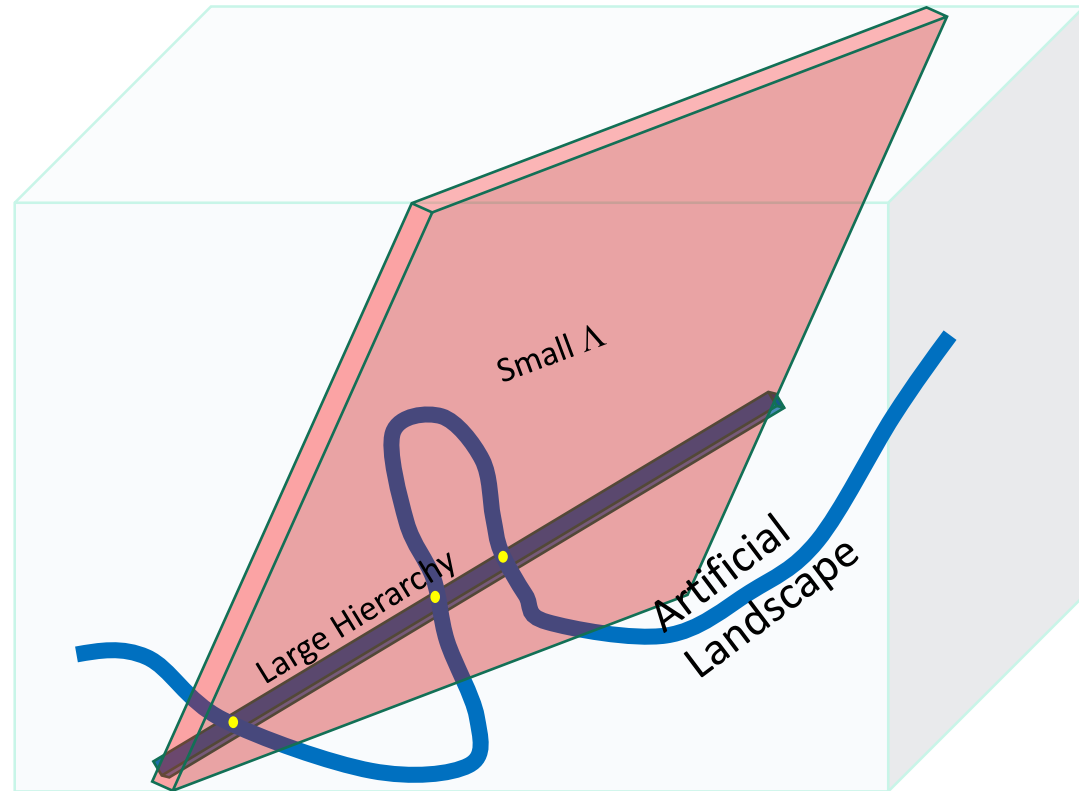
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- Then yes, only path to mass hierarchy is a small Higgs vev.

... avoid “weakless” small-Yukawas large-vev solutions?

But not in a general landscape!

So if true, requires dynamical and/or fundamental explanation!



String Theory and Naturalness

String theory's landscape of 10^{xxx} vacua

- Ok for solving the cosmological constant problem and
- Ok for explaining why there is a hierarchy
- But without a 3rd criterion can't solve the Higgs-naturalness problem...
- *Unless you believe (or prove) something amazing about string vacua!*
- String theory seems to predict that observers will find themselves in a vacuum whose hierarchy is **natural**...
- If the unnatural SM continues to survive unscathed at the LHC, string theory will become increasingly implausible as a theory of nature

Non-anthropocentric historical solutions

- Relaxion

Graham et al. '15

- CC problem remains to be solved
- Anthropics? Problem potentially reappears...
 - Why must nature choose a relaxion when it could choose technicolor?
 - Unless solving CC problem requires it... extremely baroque

- Nnaturalness

Arkani-Hamed et al. '16

- Picks least natural sector
- But artificial to make all sectors resemble SM
 - Reasonable for some sectors to be even less natural than the SM.

- Name TBD - Stanford group

- Link existence of hierarchy to solution of CC problem

Still a long way from a convincing historical example...

- But still early days

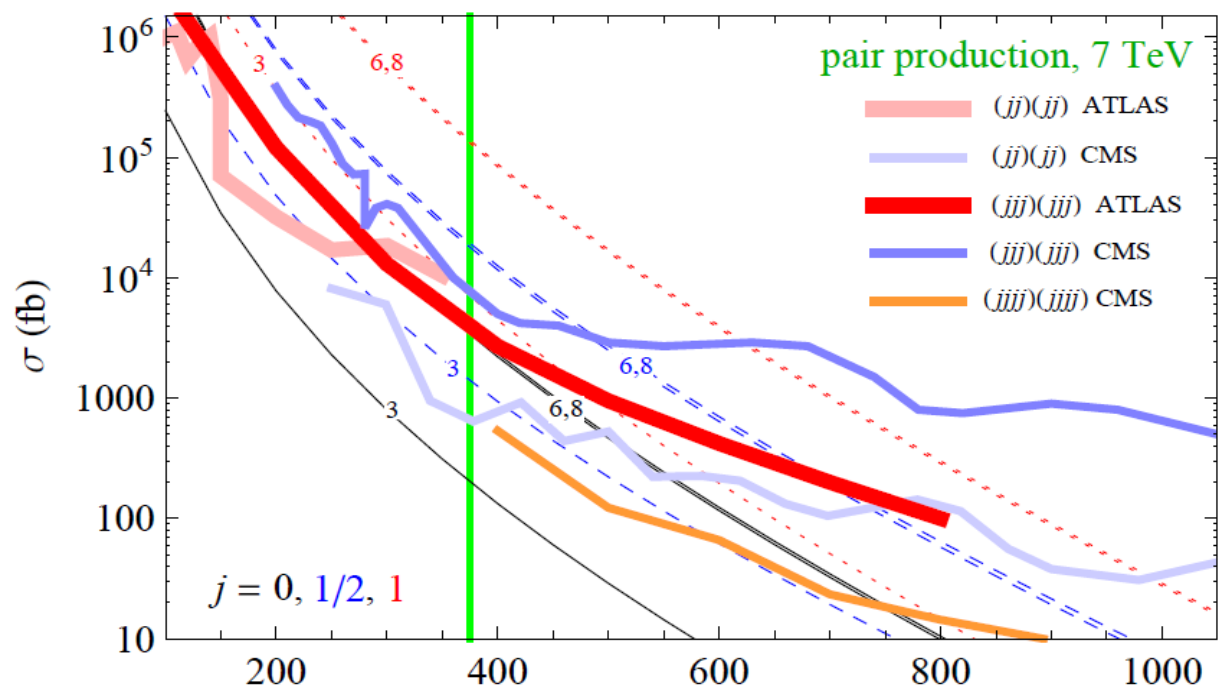
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- Digging Deep Topics

- Buried treasure - resonances hiding in inclusive samples*
- Tiny resonances from bound states^
- Looking for tricky t' and b'
- Taking ratios of processes at 7/8 vs 13/14 TeV*
- Diboson ratios as example of precision observables*^

*Presented in SEARCH2016 talk

^Discussed today



Direct Searches
at 7-8 TeV for
constituent particles
decaying to jets

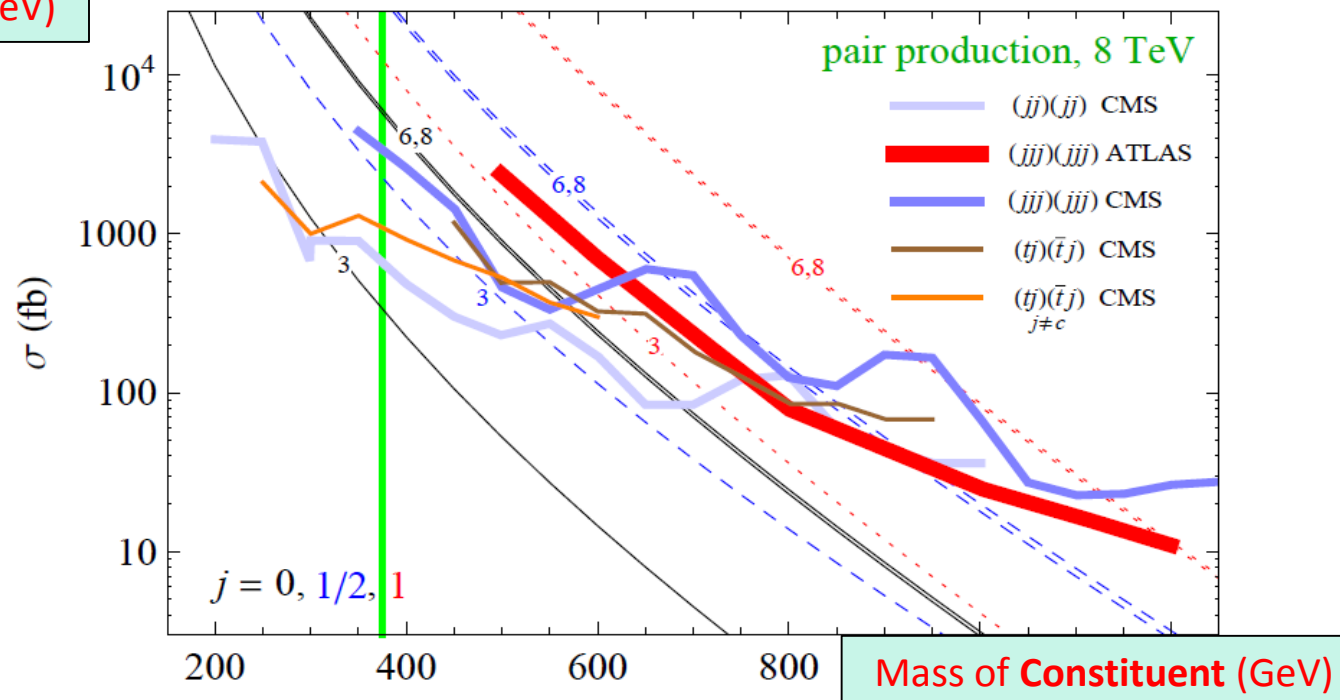
*Note! Not every
representation can decay
to every final state!*

Mass of Constituent (GeV)

Spin 0 solid
Spin 1/2 dashed
Spin 1 dotted

Kats & MJS '12, '16

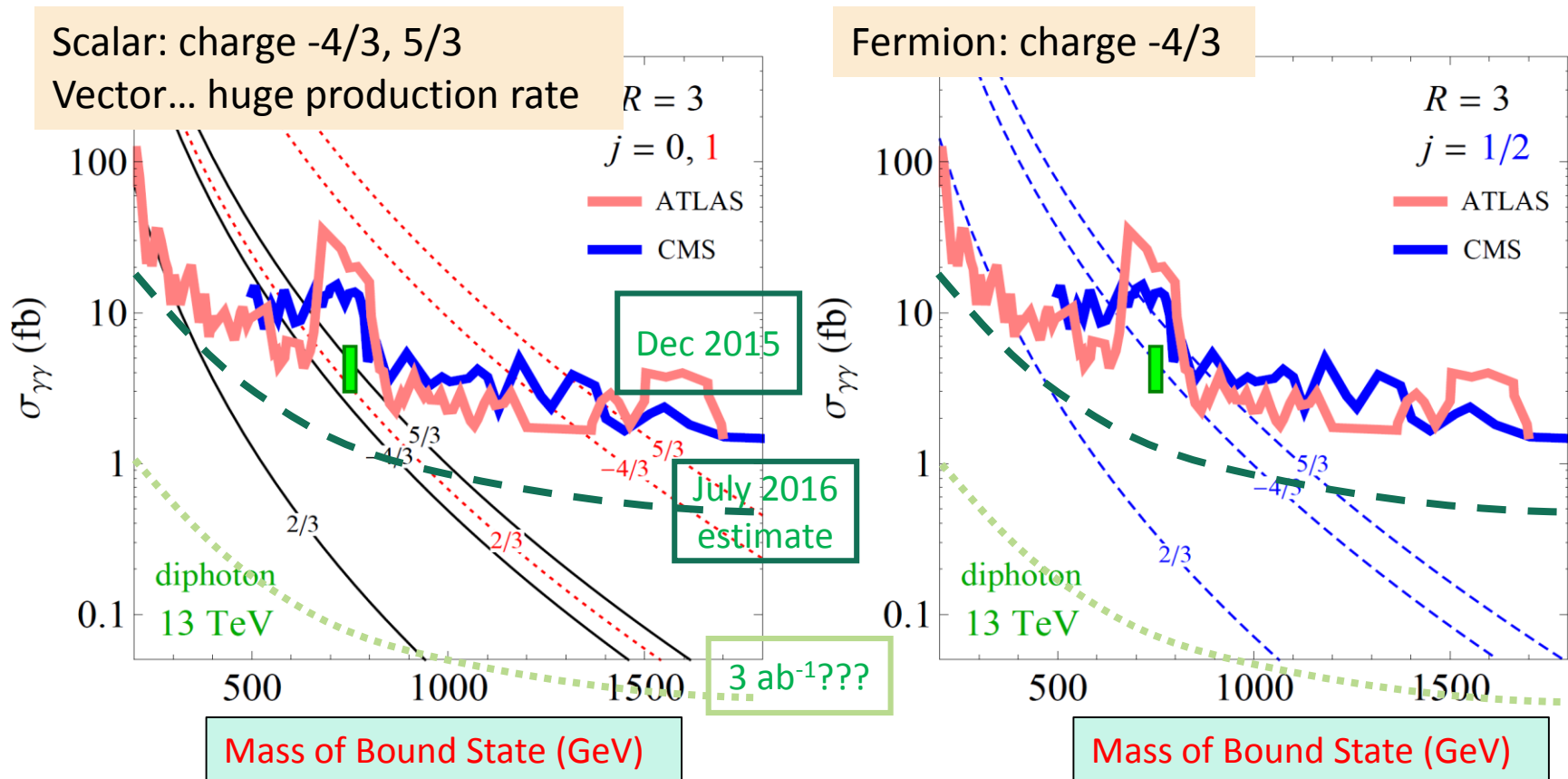
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- No point in digging deep yet if we haven't scratched the surface
 - Yes, we are now searching effectively for gluinos
 - And anything else with lots of color and/or spin
 - Need to check that we are searching effectively for triplet fermions (t' , b')
 - Color triplet scalars – top squark is good target
- Colored particles with simple decays are easy to search for
- Colored particles with more complex decays
 - Are decaying to MET or leptons or photons, easy to find
 - Are decaying via known or unknown resonances, not too hard to find
 - Are decaying to multijets without intermediate resonances – miss?
 - But then likely decaying with a delay
 - Chance to observe their bound states
 - Are confined by another force: bound states

Diphoton Limits as of Dec. 2015



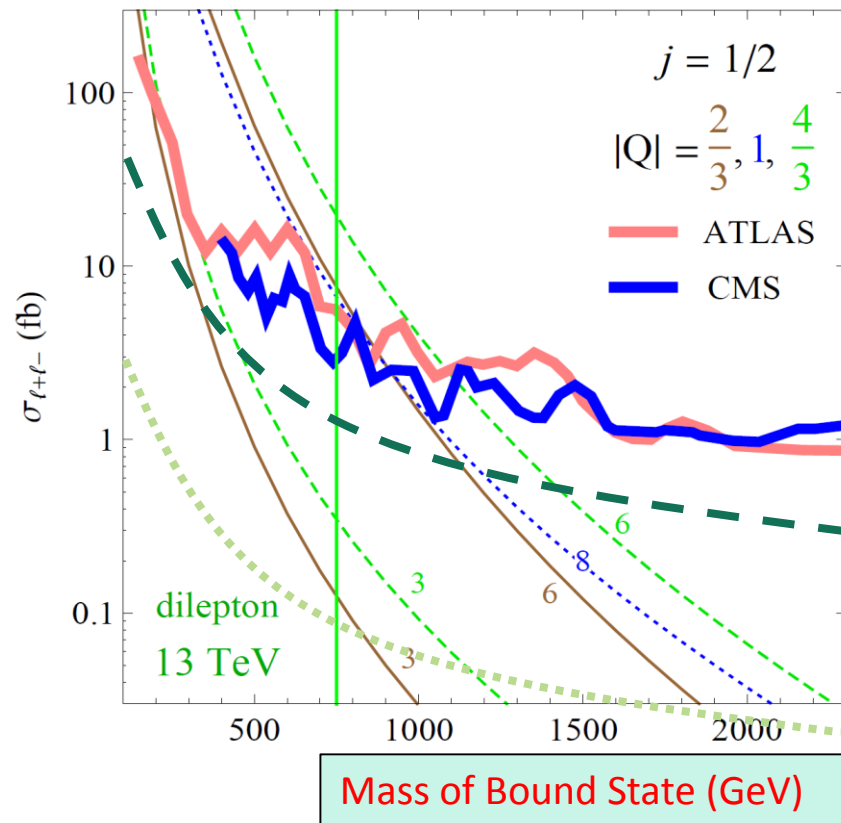
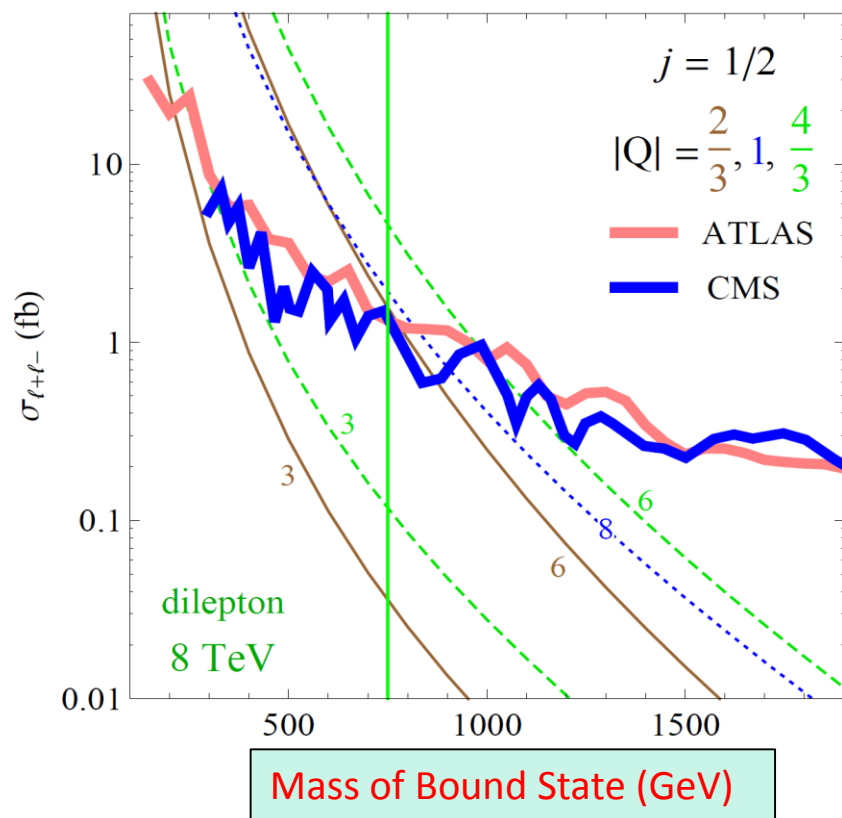
Guesstimate: Can rule out stabilized scalars and spinors with large charge up to at least 700-800 GeV, with $Q=2/3$ perhaps up to 500 GeV

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Dilepton Limits from 2015

Guesstimate: For fermions, dileptons similar to diphotons at $Q=2/3$, worse at higher Q

- For bound states of fermions only:

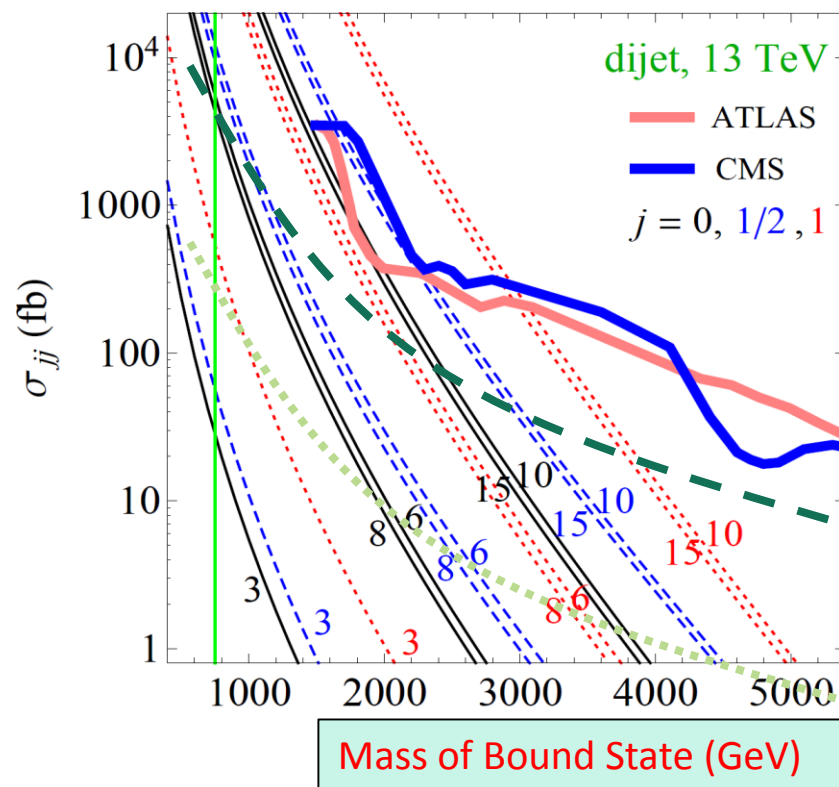
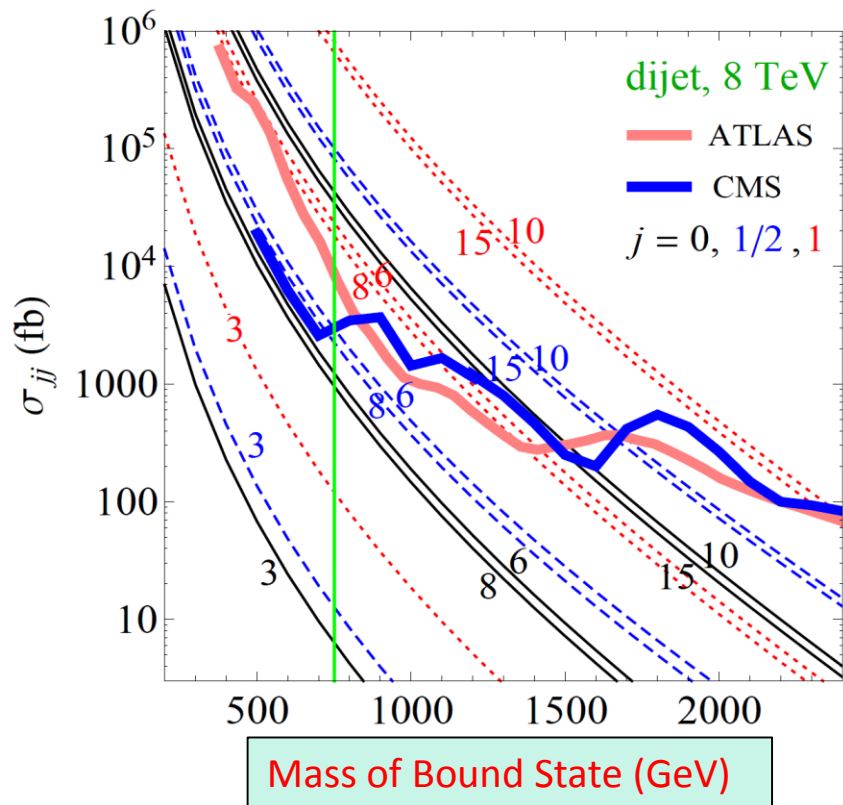


- To make dileptons with high rate, need spin-1 bound state
- This is s-wave for fermions but p-wave for scalars, suppressed rate

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Dijet Limits from 2015

- From singlet resonances



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Examples of Enhancements

If any of these particles was a $(3,3)$ of $SU(3) \times SU(3)_{\text{twin}}$,

- Even if no quirk-like confinement...
 - Effective α doubles;
 - Bound state wave function $\Psi(0) \sim \alpha^{3/2}$
 - Total rate grows by 8
 - And there are three of them, from QCD point of view
- Even if $SU(2) \times U(1)$ neutral, dijets could exclude to few hundred GeV

Quirks/Squirks: greater enhancement

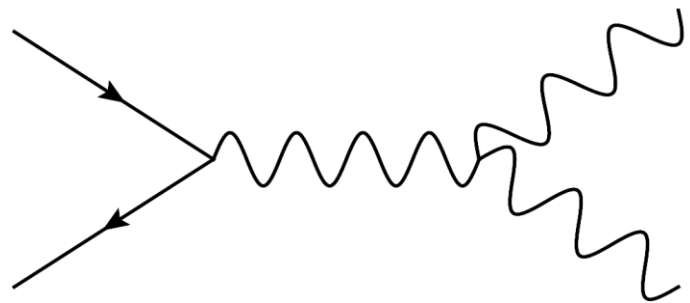
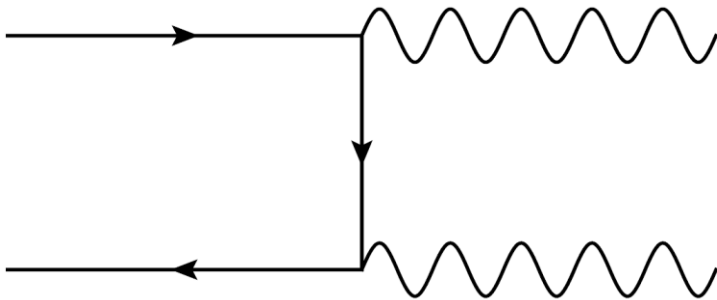
- 3 of them, from QCD point of view
- Total pair cross-section converted into resonant cross-section

Dibosons

with Chris Frye, Marat Freytsis, Jakub Scholtz '15

Production of any pair of photon, Z, $W^\pm$ (except same sign)

- Discrepancies have shown up – or not...
- What ratios/variables might help?
- Put high-energy $SU(2) \times U(1)$ structure to use
 - Leading-order (tree-level) partonic-level into nicer form
 - Notice useful ratios, show they are still useful in pp collisions
- Proceed to realistic situation for two neutral bosons
 - Show corrections beyond leading order are small at high energy
 - NLO
 - gg-induced NNLO
 - Show remaining uncertainties are small
- *All results below using MCFM Monte Carlo* Campbell, R.K.Ellis, Williams

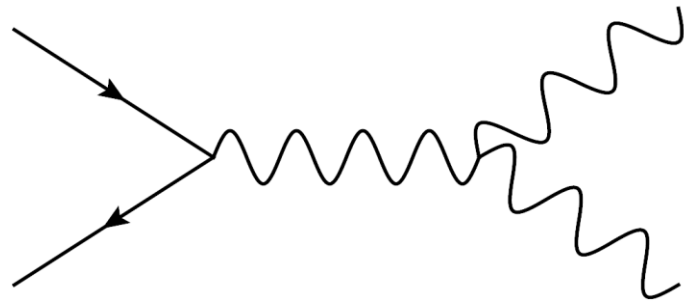
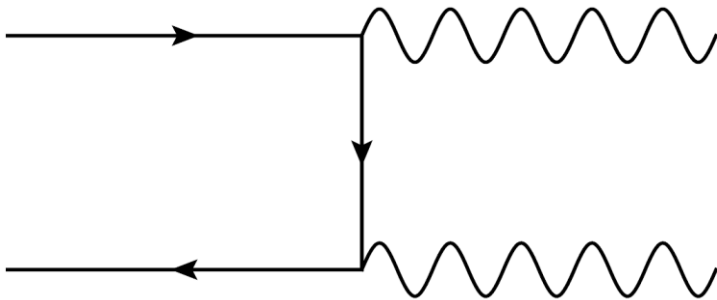


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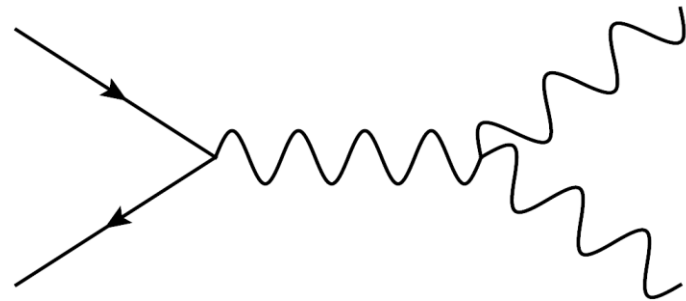
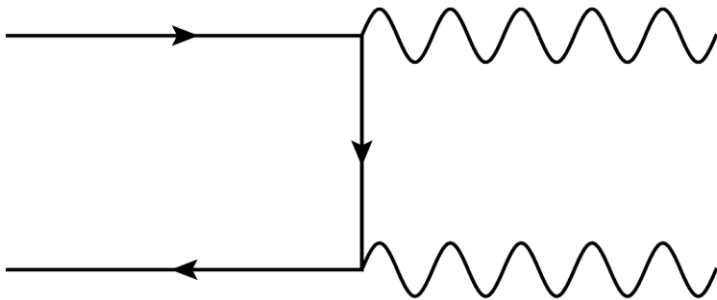
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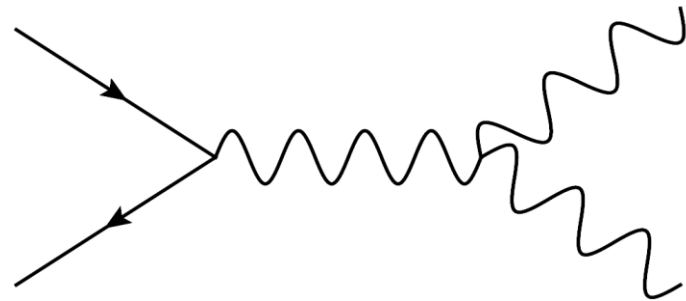
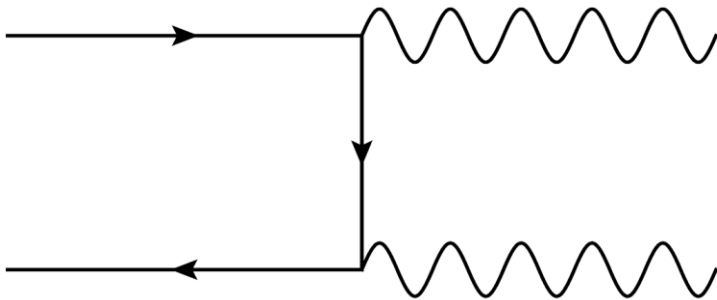
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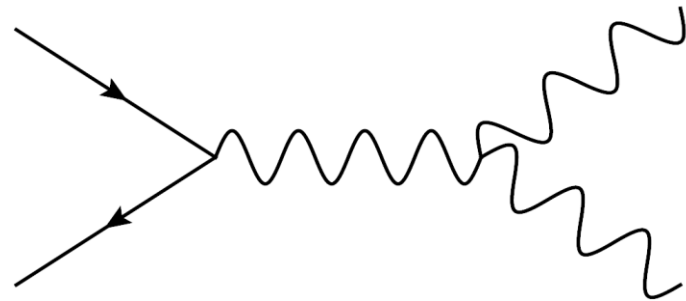
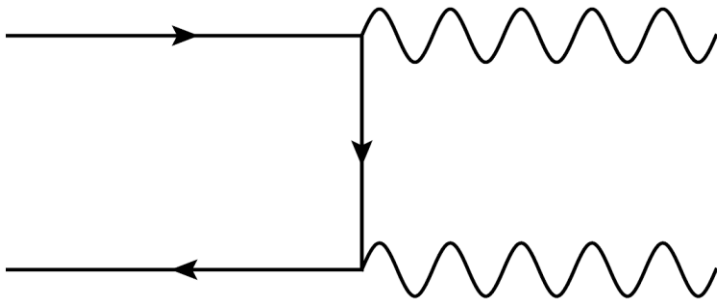
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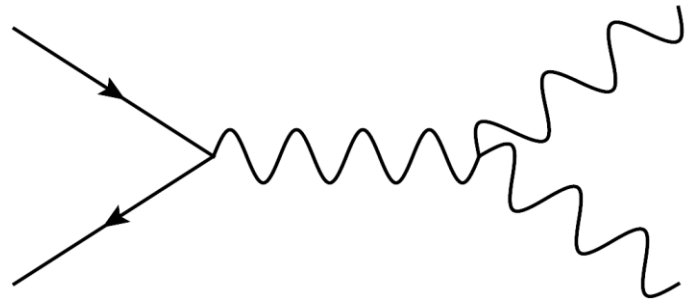
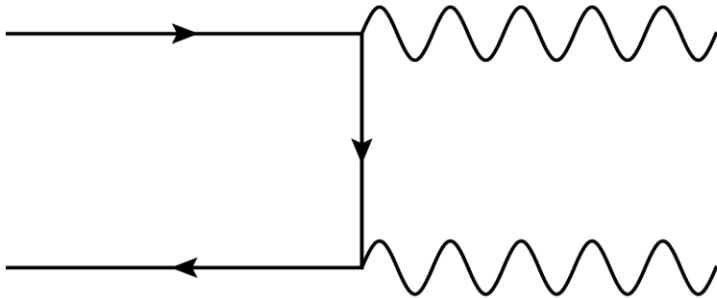
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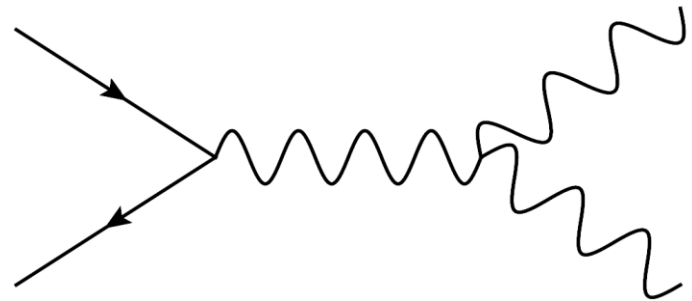
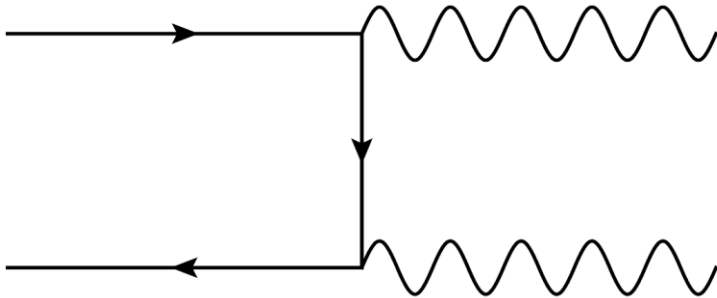
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i.e. at threshold for fixed p_T

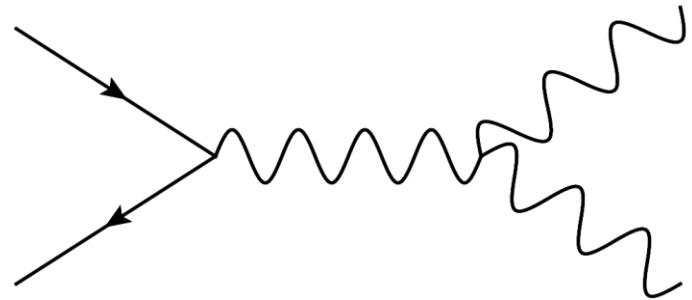
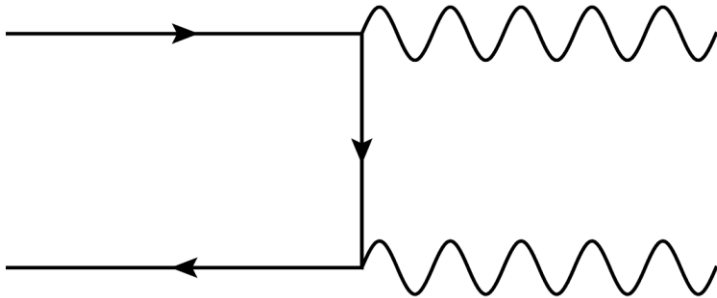
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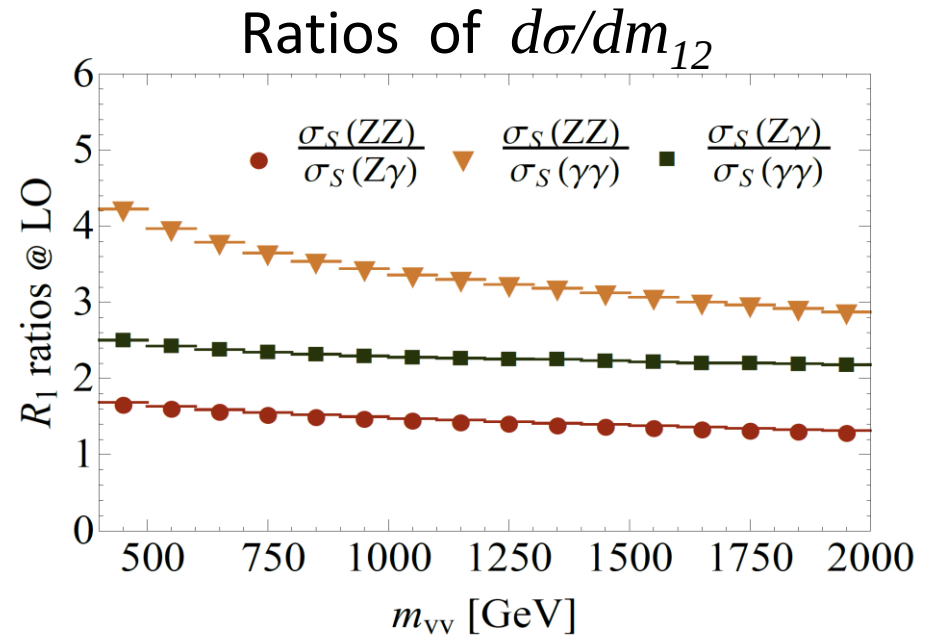
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$\gamma\gamma$	1.2	0.07
$Z\gamma$	2.2	0.7
ZZ	1.6	3.3

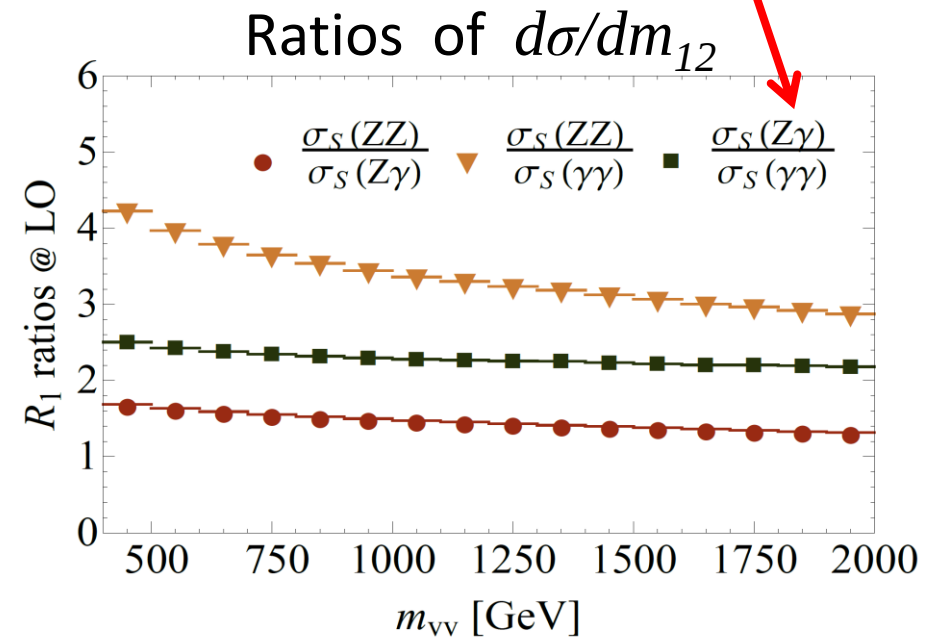
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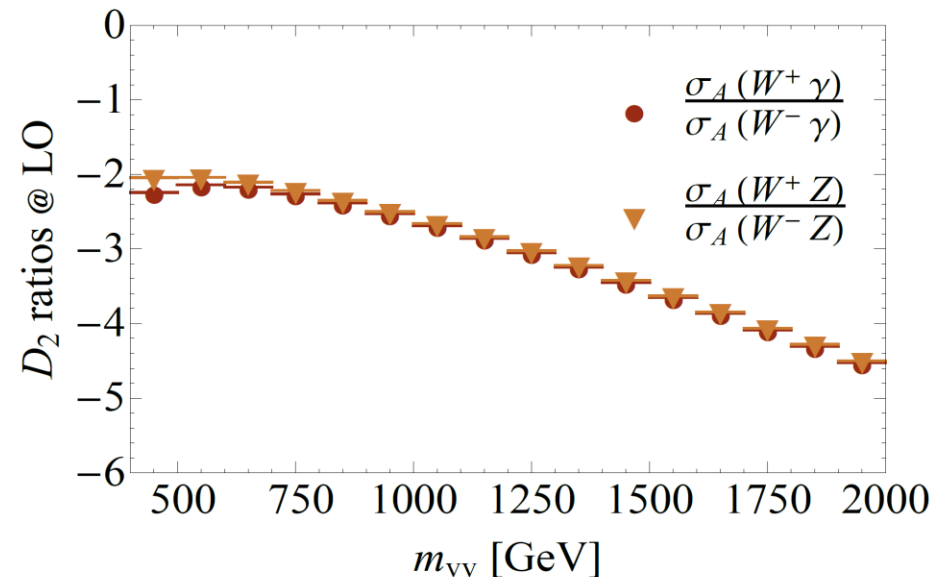
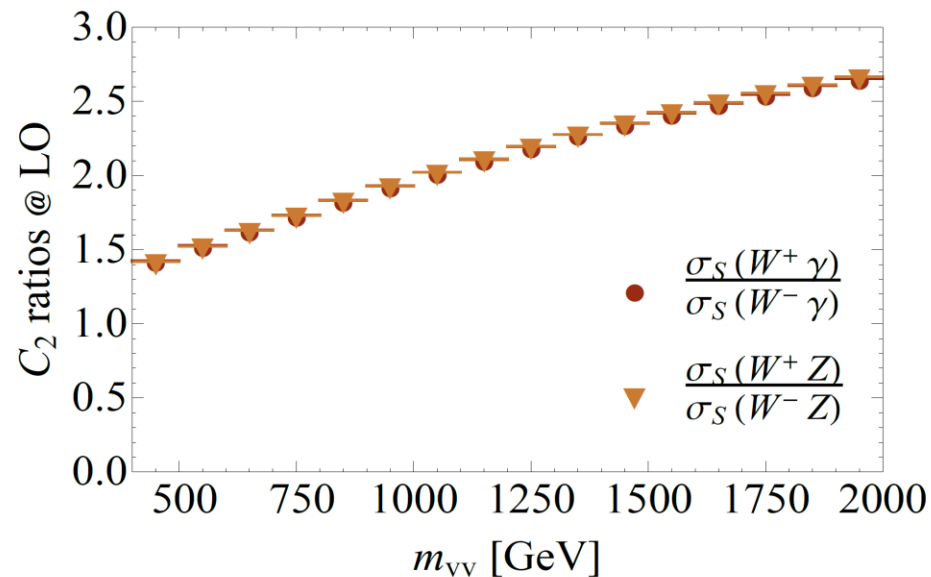
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Lower signs for $q=d$

Charge asymmetries for $W\gamma$, WZ are related

- Determined by the pdfs for both sym, antisym FB quantities



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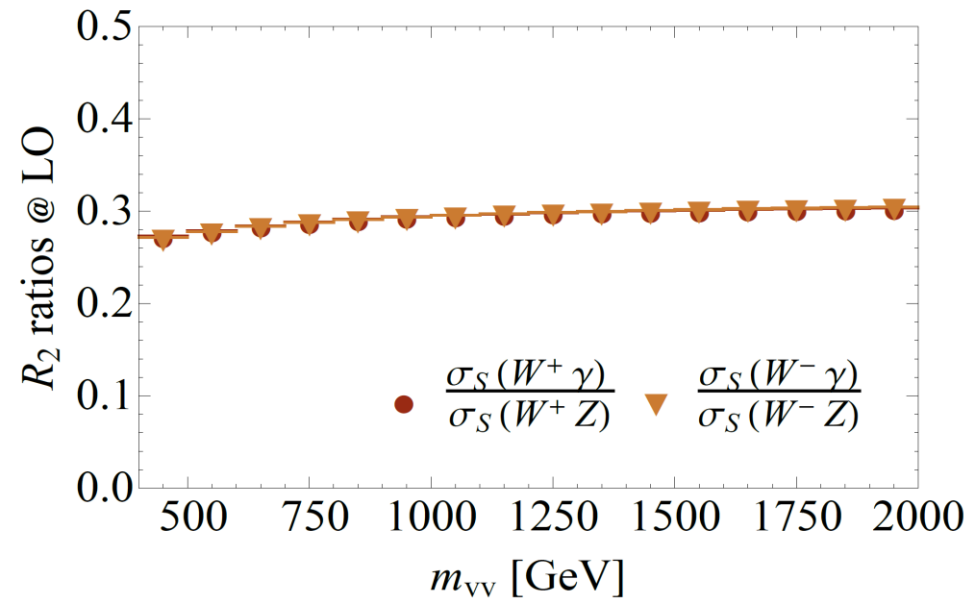
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At (but only very close to) threshold, $W\gamma / WZ \sim .19$

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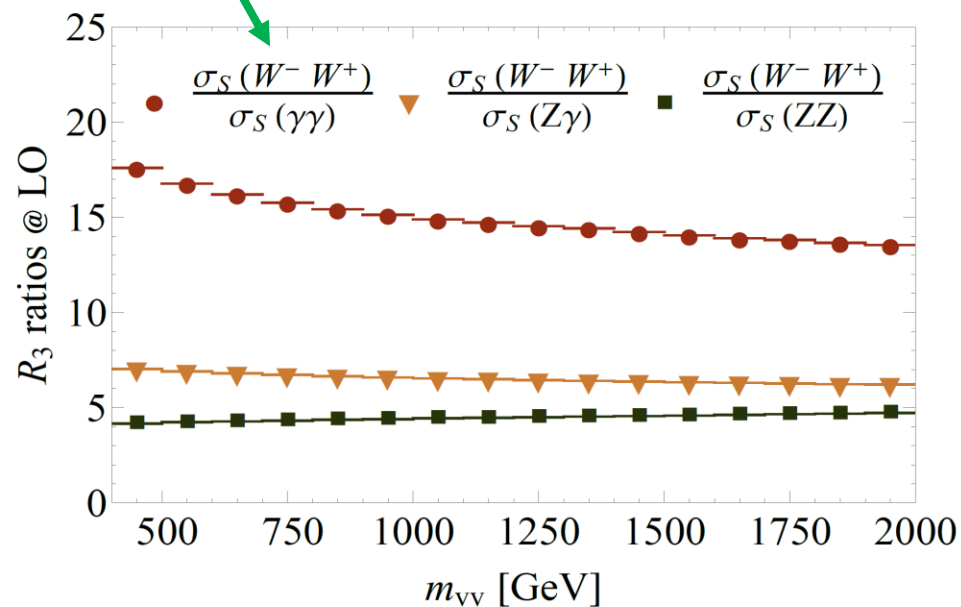
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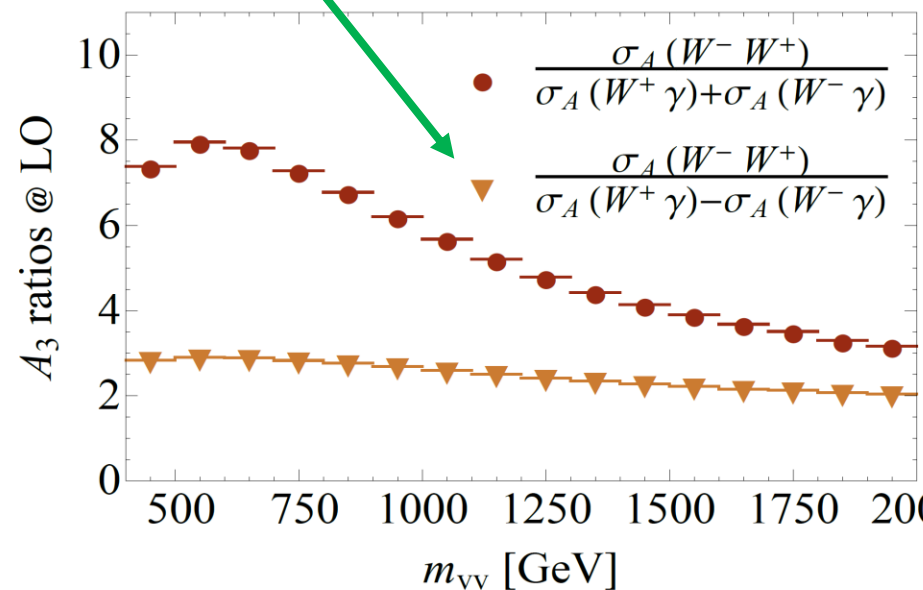
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Best statistics



Best statistics and LO PDF behavior



Beyond Leading Order?

- What about higher-order corrections?
 - QCD cancellations?
 - How large are the shifts in the ratios?
 - $SU(2) \times U(1)$ relations should help -- Where do they fail?
 - What uncertainties remain?
 - EW corrections - Partial cancellations?
- Big issue: the radiation zero
 - Where important, LO $SU(2) \times U(1)$ relations may receive large corrections
- Start with $\gamma\gamma$, $Z\gamma$, ZZ
 - No radiation zero
 - Events fully reconstructed ($Z \rightarrow$ leptons ONLY here)
 - Good statistics for first two

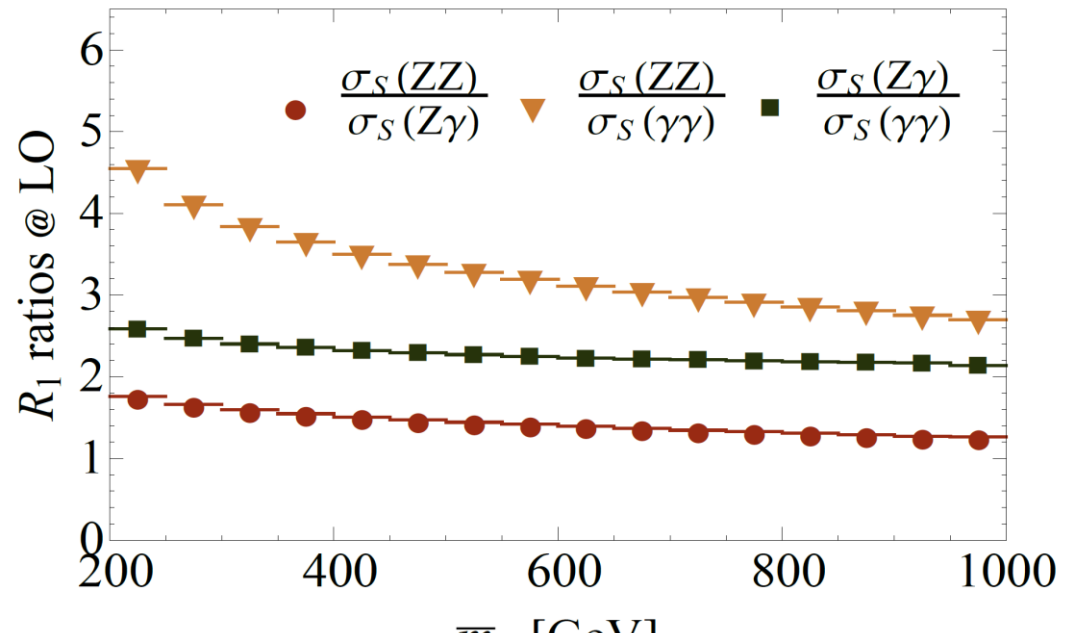
$ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$ at LO $\rightarrow$ NLO

- Must choose observable carefully to avoid large NLO corrections

$$\overline{m}_T = \frac{1}{2} [m_{T1} + m_{T2}] = \text{min energy at } 90^\circ \text{ scattering}$$

- Radiation cannot reduce this variable
 - so no region of NLO phase space is secretly LO.

Ratios of $d\sigma/dm_T$



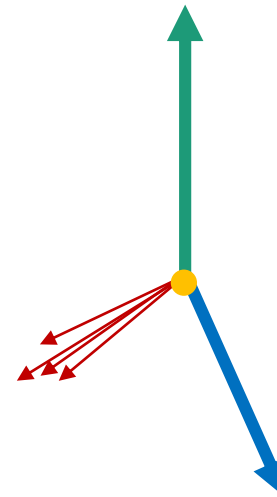
$ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$ at LO $\rightarrow$ NLO

- Need to choose cuts carefully to avoid large NLO corrections
 - Assure cuts select kinematics similar to LO
 - i.e. no vector bosons softer than jets (cf. giant K factors)
 - But do not impose drastic jet veto
- We take

$$p_T^{\text{jet}} < \frac{1}{2} p_T^V|_{\min} ; \frac{1}{2} p_T^V|_{\min} > \frac{1}{2} p_T^V|_{\max}$$

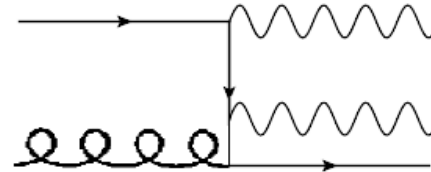
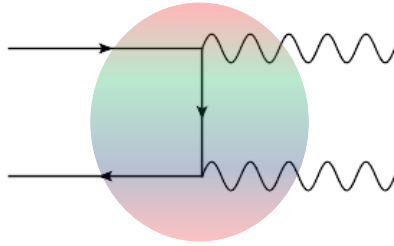


*Notice these cuts scale –
no large logs at high E*



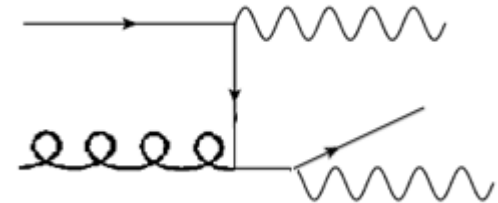
$ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$ at LO $\rightarrow$ NLO

- QCD corrections treat Z, γ identically, largely cancel...



- ...except...

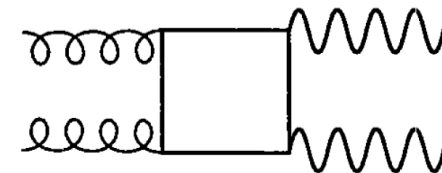
- Collinear quark-boson regime
 - Photon has log enhancement
 - Z has no enhancement



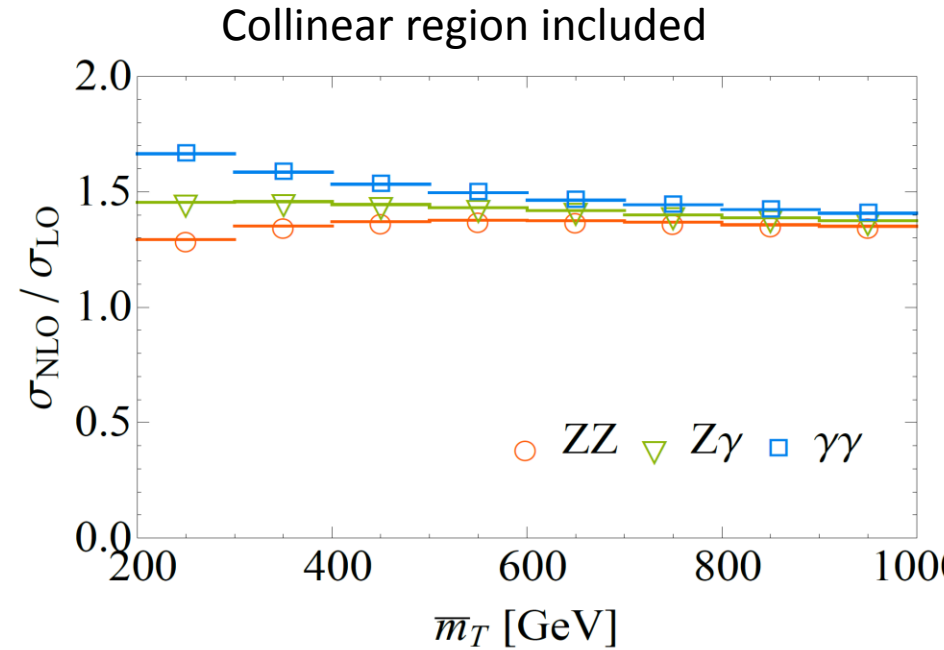
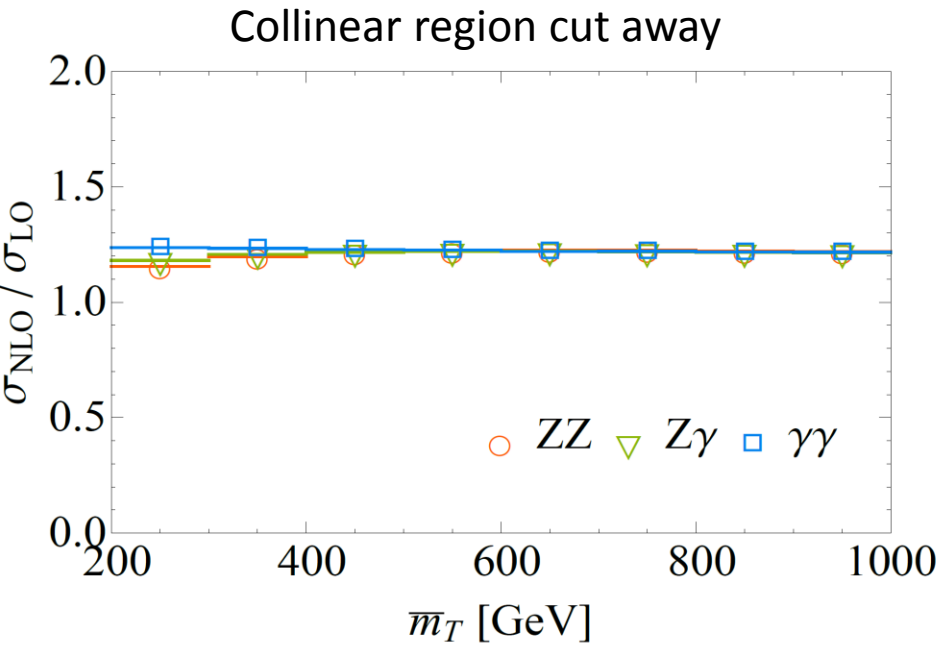
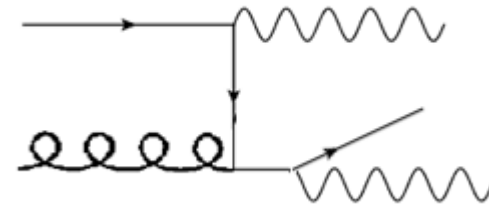
- Gluon fusion process (formally NNLO but numerically large)

- Both of these driven by gluon pdf

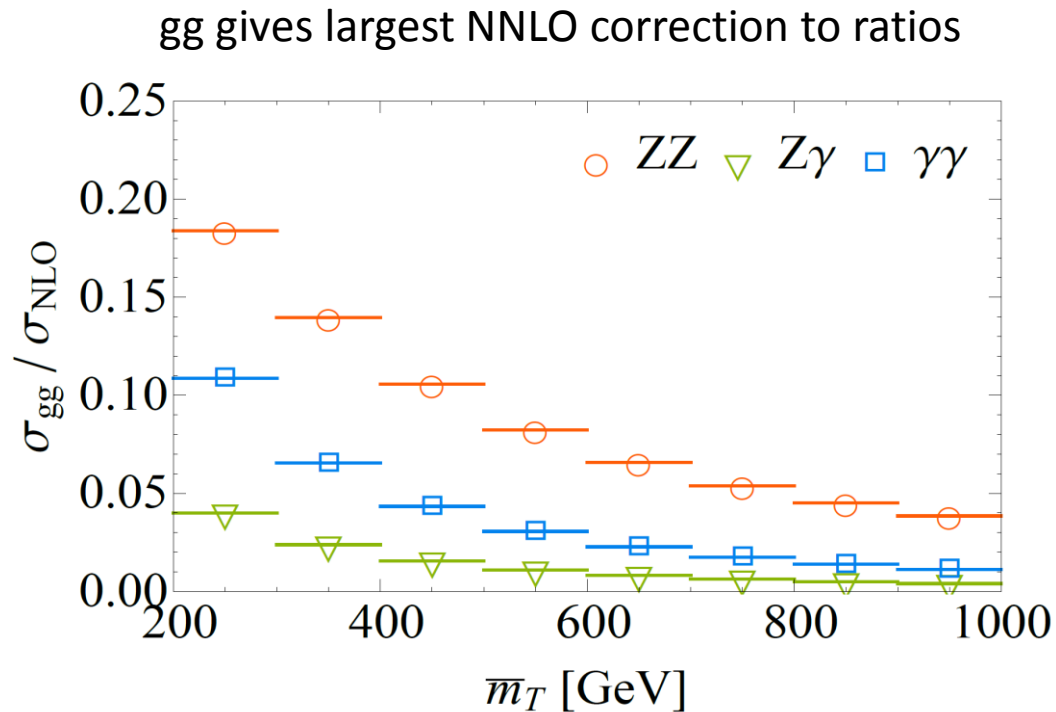
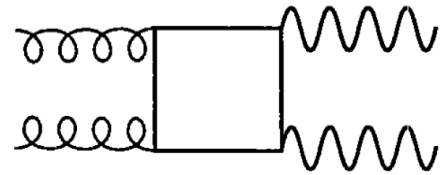
- Both decrease in importance at high energy



NLO/LO K factors

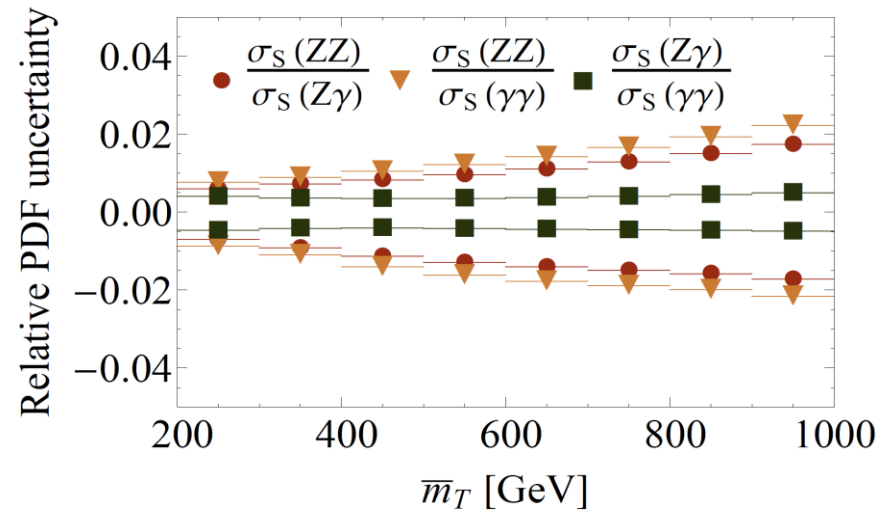
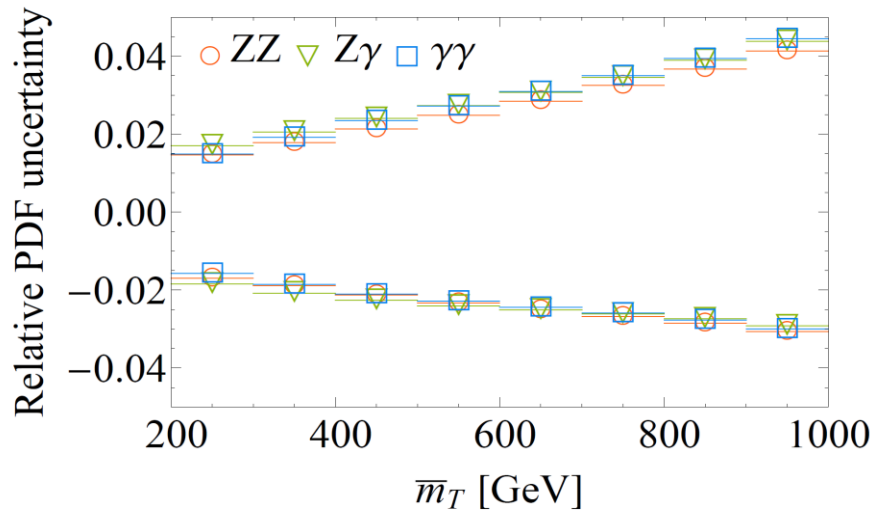


NNLO gg / NLO partial K factor



- To set scale on gg use partial knowledge of NNNLO gg correction
 - (backup slide)

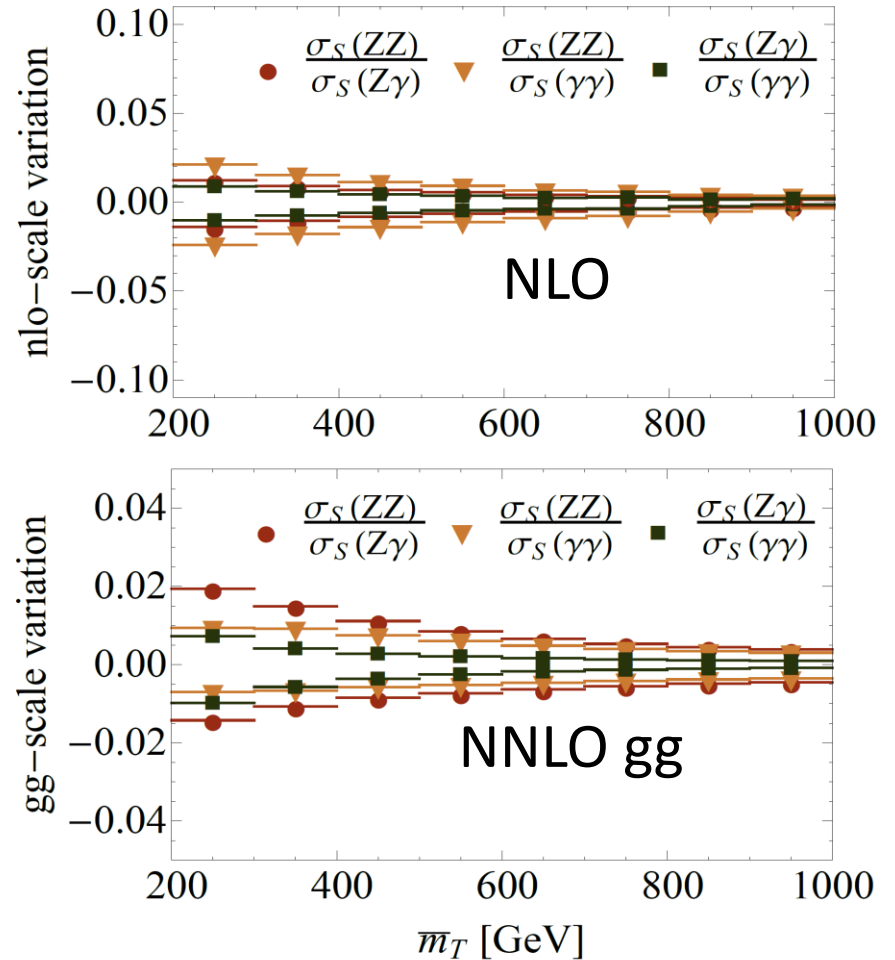
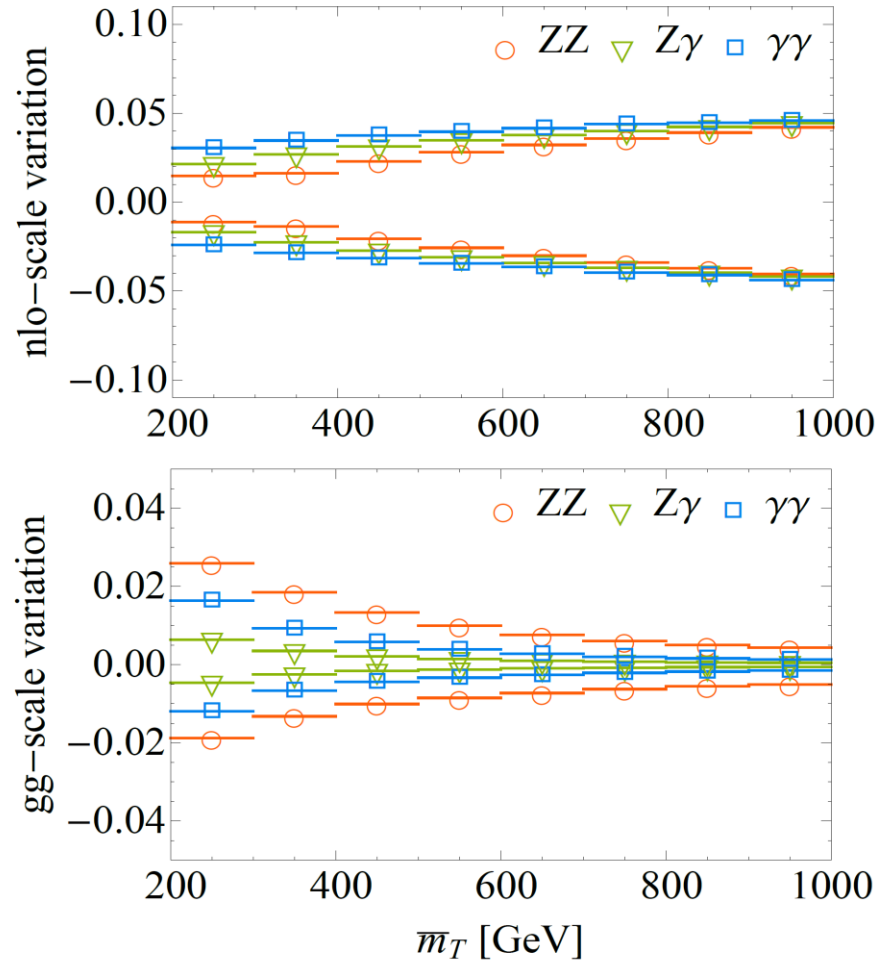
PDF Uncertainties



- Much smaller in ratios
 - 1 – 2 %

Scale [next-order] uncertainties

- Estimates NNLO corrections to what is already present at NLO



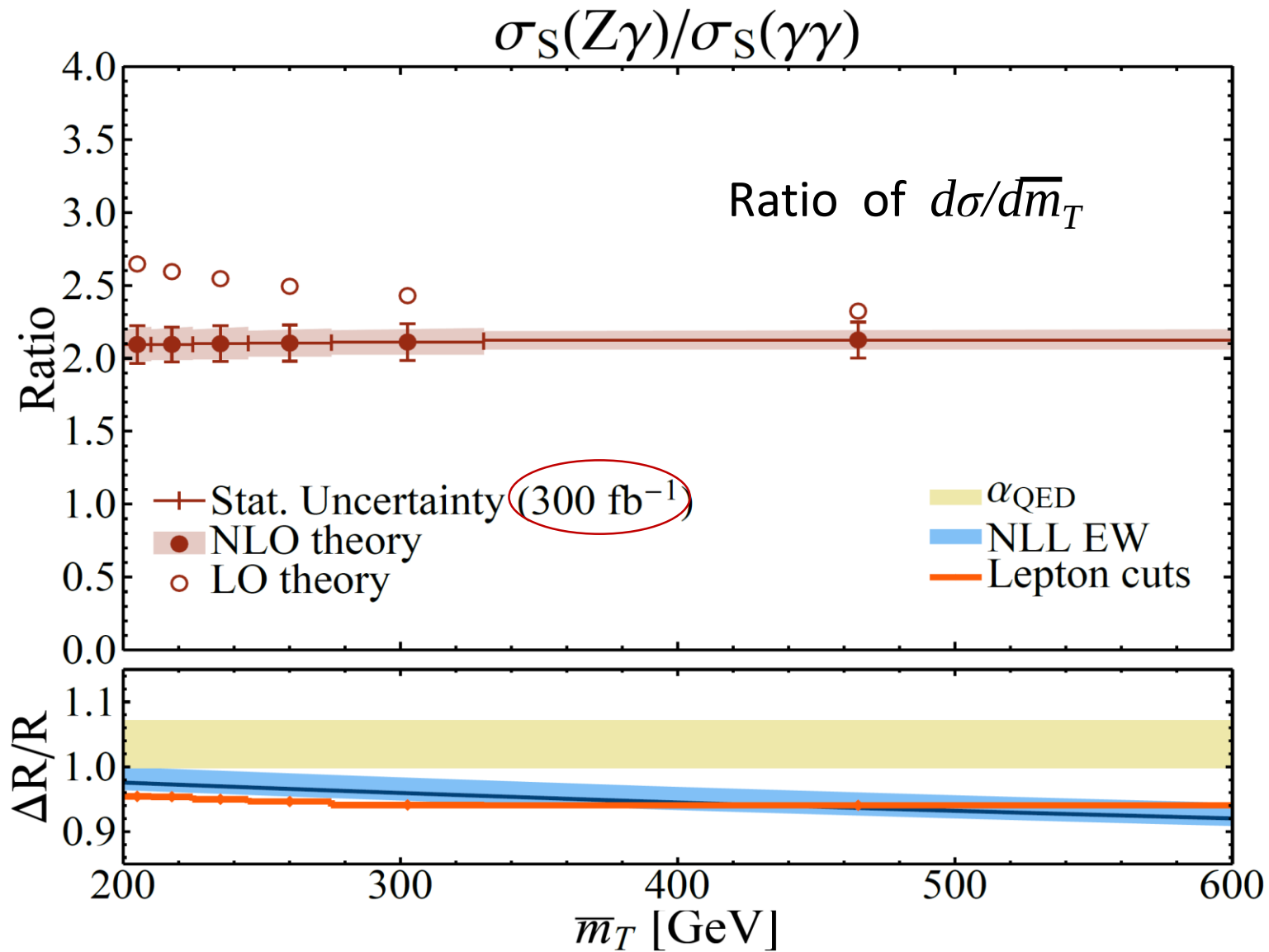
- Does not account for new channels (e.g. $q q \rightarrow q q V V \sim 2-3\%$)

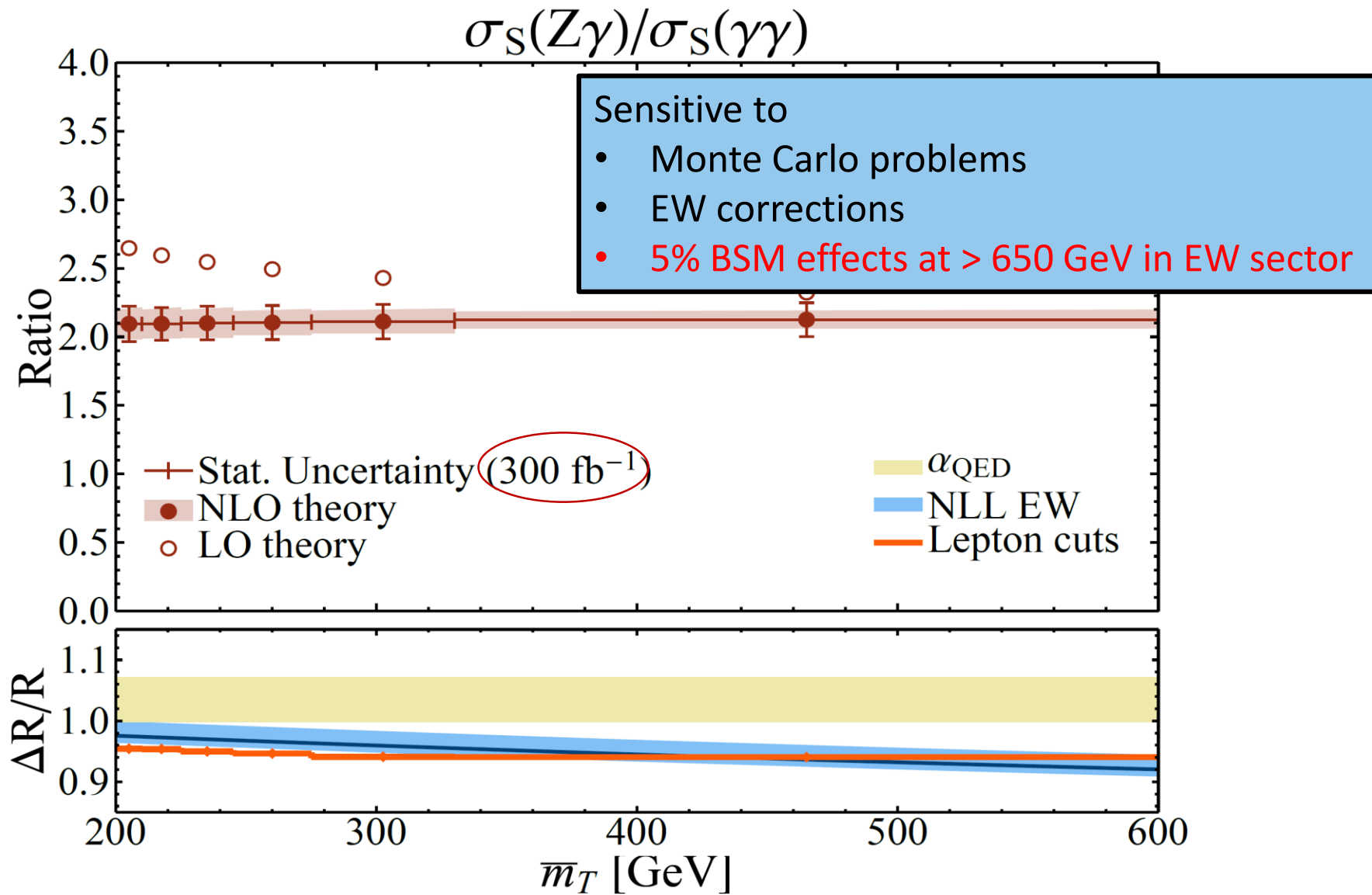
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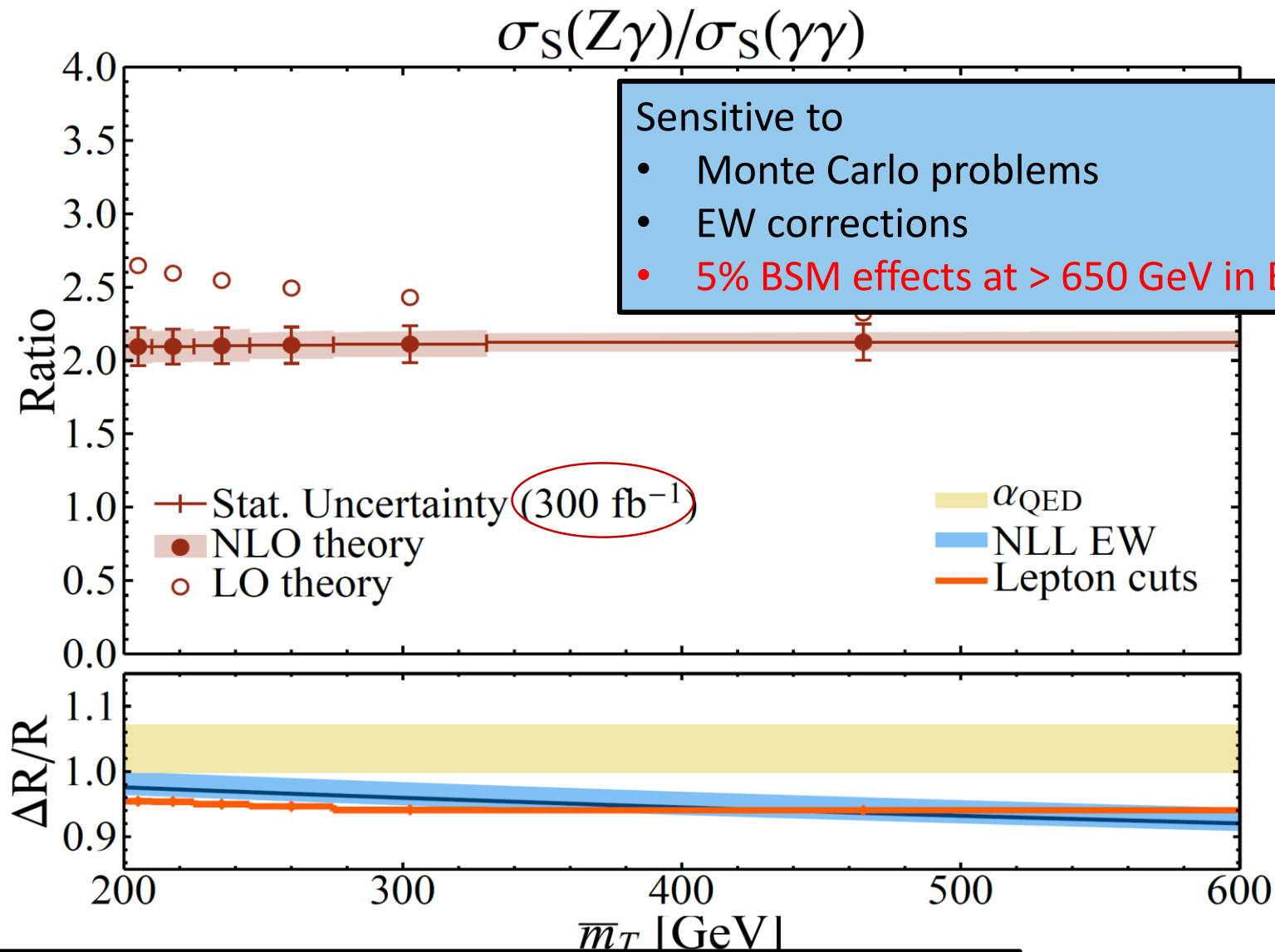
- Some experimental issues cancel
 - Luminosity
 - Jet energy scale
- Some don't:
 - $Z \rightarrow$ leptons – leptons have their own cuts, acceptance
 - Or $\rightarrow$ neutrinos -- other issues
 - Can be a substantial effect at low p_T
 - But can model, measure with low absolute uncertainty
 - Z – finite width [experimental definition of “ Z ”]
 - Not large effect
 - Can model

Uncertainty budget

Effect	R_{1a} ($Z\gamma/\gamma\gamma$)	R_{1b} ($ZZ/\gamma\gamma$)	R_{1c} ($ZZ/Z\gamma$)	Comments
$qq \rightarrow VVqq$	2–3%	3–3.5%	1.5–2.5%	extrapolating $p_{T,\min}^j \rightarrow 0$ (Sec. 4.2)
μ_R, μ_F (gg)	0.5–1%	1%	1–2%	uses NLO $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (Sec. 4.5)
μ_R, μ_F (NLO)	0.5–1%	1.5–2.5%	1–1.5%	varied independently (Sec. 4.5)
PDF	0.5%	1–1.5%	0.5–1%	MSTW 2008 using MCFM (Sec. 4.5)
α_{QED}	7%	14%	7%	Fully correlated (Sec. 4.4.2)
NLO EW	+2% –1%	+3% –1%	+2% –1%	EFT scale uncertainty (Sec. 4.4.1)



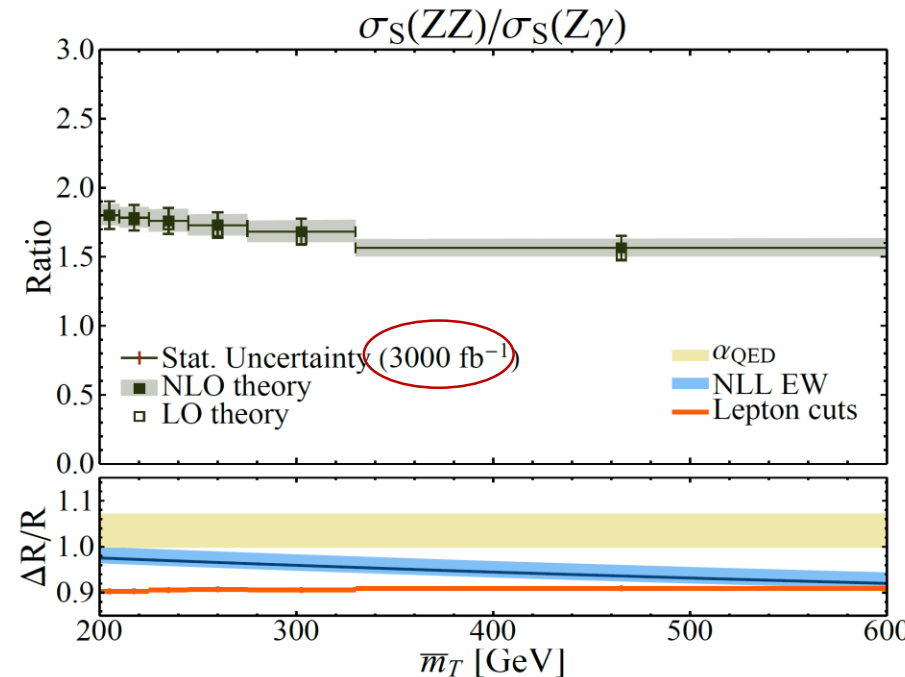
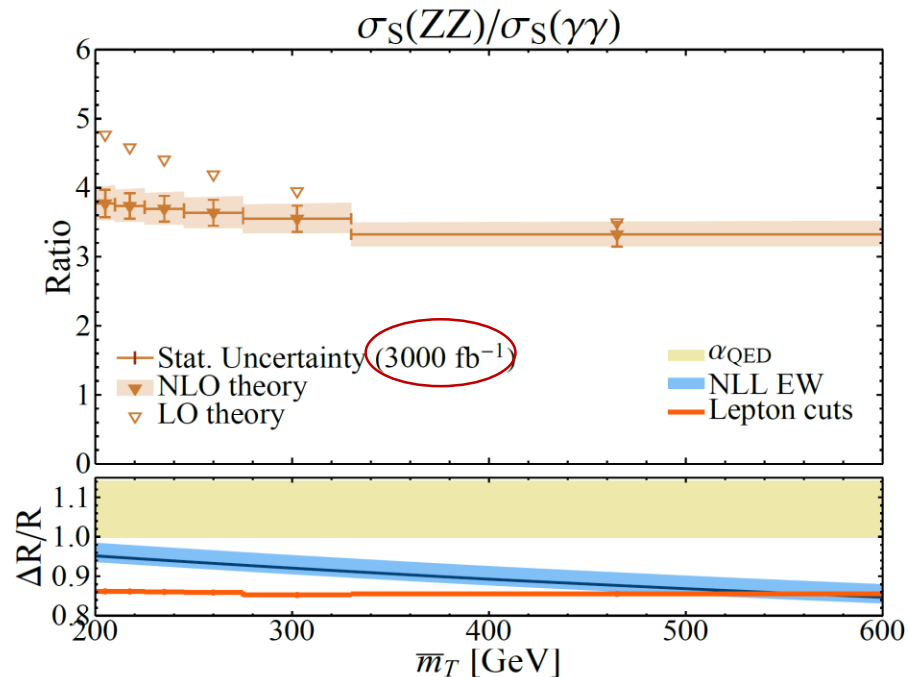




Possible Improvements:

- Use $Z \rightarrow$ neutrinos?
- Use $Z \rightarrow$ jets??
- At 3000 fb⁻¹, tens of bins, last bin probes > 1.2 TeV at 5%

The other ratios, at 3000 fb⁻¹



Probably want to include $Z \rightarrow \text{neutrinos}$ at price of higher theoretical uncertainty.

Conclusions

- **Anthropic arguments alone can't solve Higgs-naturalness problem**
 - To do requires making a very special (non-generic) landscape
 - Any reasonable landscape has a naturalness problem too.
 - Any landscape with no naturalness problem is itself highly artificial
 - **Find a fundamental theory that avoids this problem!**
- **Resonances from QCD bound states**
 - Useful for particles with stabilized lifetimes
 - Discovery for particles of high charge ($Q > 2/3$) OR complex messy decays
- **Need more high-precision variables from theorists**
 - Exercise: get high precision in diboson ratios
 - Ratios: small QCD corrections & uncertainties at high energy
 - Certainly good for SM studies, esp. EW effects
 - Need to study how/where sensitivity to BSM is improved

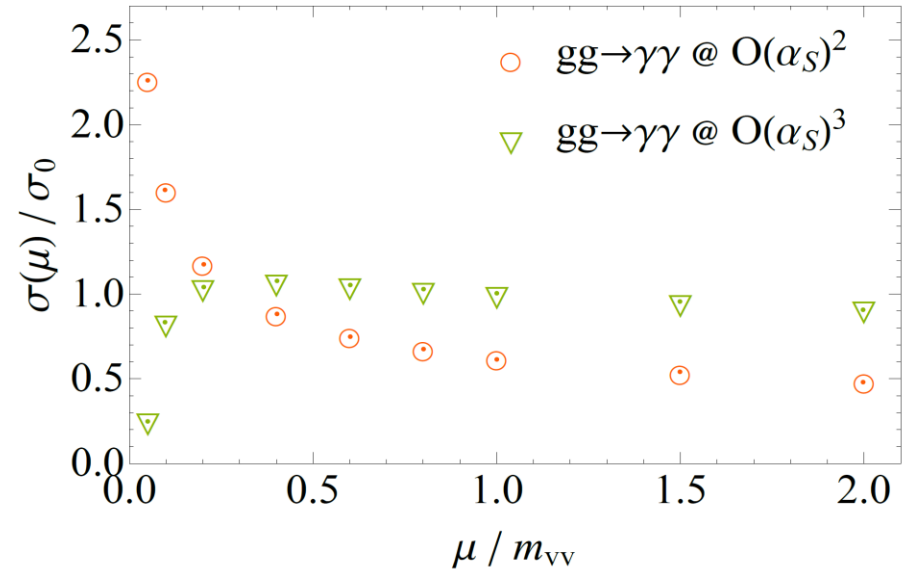
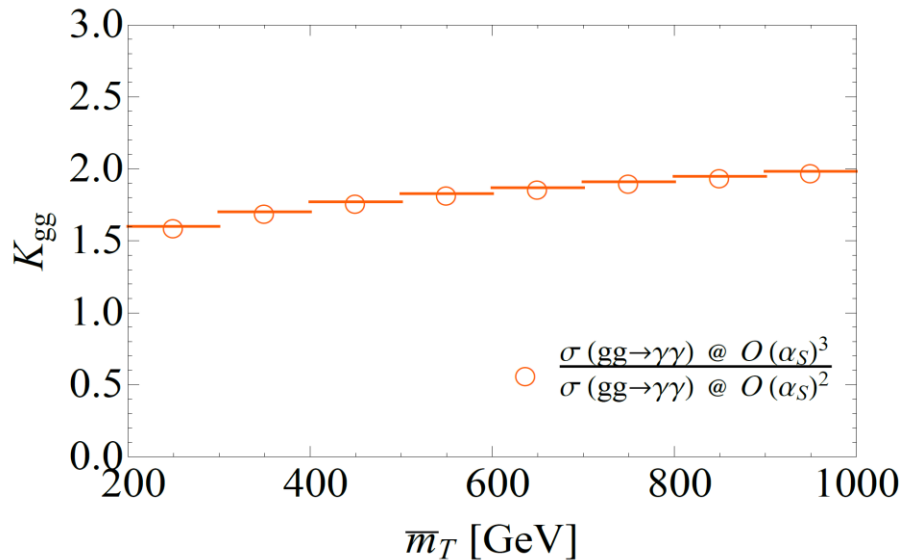
BACKUP SLIDES

Selection Bias and Naturalness

- Selection bias (alone) does not solve the problem
 - Evolution of life → old universe → **small cosmological constant**
 - Evolution of life → complex objects that aren't black holes
→ small mass scales → ... **hierarchy**
... ??? → **light SM Higgs boson** ????
- Small mass scales can easily imply
 - Naturalness: SUSY, Technicolor
 - Weak-less universe **Kribs Harnik Perez**
 - Assortment of light fundamental nuclei-like particles ... , **Thaler**
- Does not logically require light SM Higgs boson
 - ... unless dynamics forbids the other options!
(i.e. “landscape” not enough.)

Scale setting

- For $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$



- For the other processes

$$K_{gg} \equiv \frac{d\sigma_{(3)}(gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{d\sigma_{(2)}(gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)} \approx \frac{d\sigma_{(3)}(gg \rightarrow Z\gamma)}{d\sigma_{(2)}(gg \rightarrow Z\gamma)} \approx \frac{d\sigma_{(3)}(gg \rightarrow ZZ)}{d\sigma_{(2)}(gg \rightarrow ZZ)}$$

Processes with $W^\pm$

Custodial Limit

$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow V_1^0 V_2^0) = \frac{C_{12}^q}{\hat{s}^2} |a_1|^2, \quad C_{ZZ}^q = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi \alpha_2^2}{N_c} (L^4 + \dots) .$$

$L = T_3$

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F-B Antisymmetries Are Equal

$$d\hat{\sigma}(W^\pm\gamma) + d\hat{\sigma}(W^\pm Z) = d\hat{\sigma}(w^\pm x) + d\hat{\sigma}(w^\pm w^3) + d\hat{\sigma}(\phi^\pm\phi^3)$$

$$\sim |a_1|^2 \quad \sim |a_3|^2 \quad \sim |a_\phi|^2$$

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$$\frac{d\hat{\sigma}}{d\hat{t}}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow W^-W^+)$$

Theoretically very robust! ☺

But experimentally useless
because WZ effect tiny! ☹

$$+ \left[(t_W^2 Y_R)^2 + (t_W^2 Y_L + T_3)^2 \right] |a_\phi|^2 \Big\}$$

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