# The elusive gluon at the LHC

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# The quest for naturalness

Two main contenders

Supersymmetry



- Weakly dynamics
- Light stops  $m_{\tilde{t}} \gtrsim 700 \, {\rm GeV}$

Composite Higgs



- Strong dynamics
- Light top partners  $m_T \gtrsim 800 \, {\rm GeV}$

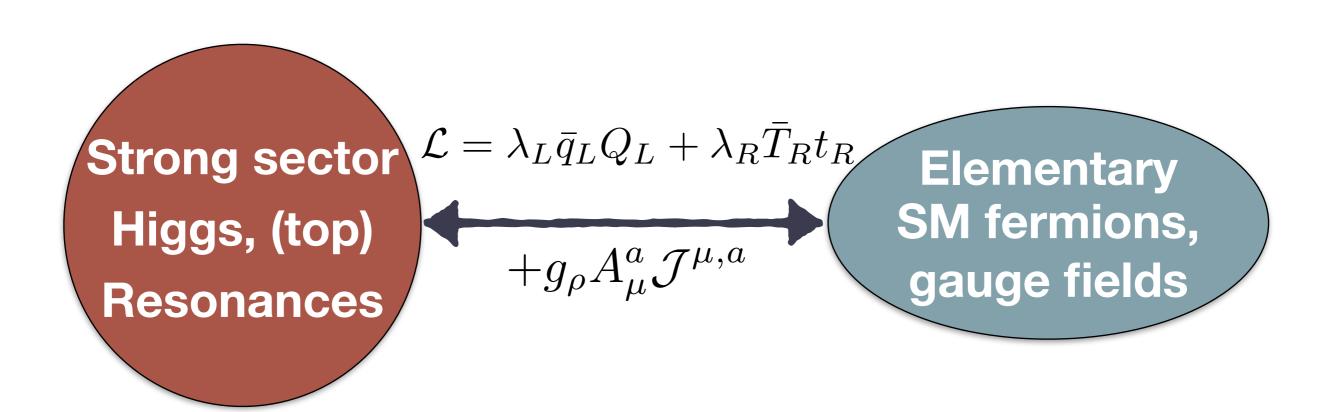
# The composite Higgs



Higgs as a pseudo Nambu-Goldstone boson

$$G \to H \supset SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

Simplest realization: Minimal composite Higgs model (MCHM) based on SO(5)/SO(4). Agashe, Contino, Pomarol '04



Partial compositeness: quarks and leptons get a mass by mixing with composite fermions Kaplan'91; Agashe, Contino, Pomarol '05

# An effective approach

## Useful to capture the relevant collider phenomenology

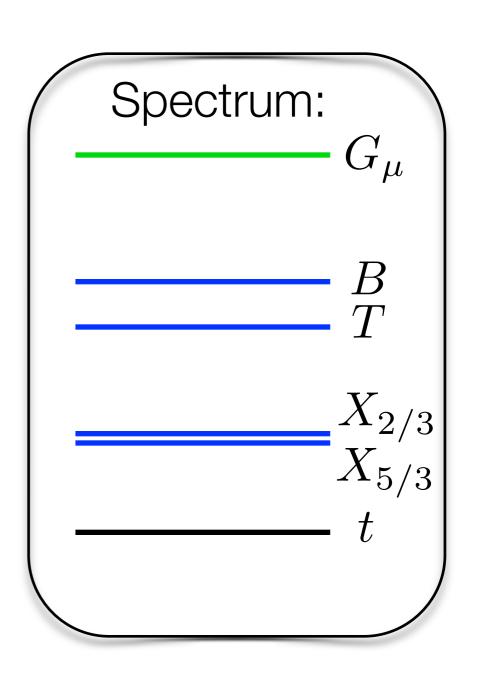
De Simone, Matsedonsyi, Rattazzi & Wulzer, JHEP(13)

## M4<sub>5</sub>

- ► Minimal coset:  $SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4)$
- ▶ Fully composite *t*<sub>R</sub>
- ▶ Top partners in a **4** of SO(4)
  - + heavy gluon

$$\Psi = \left(\begin{array}{cc} T & X_{5/3} \\ B & X_{2/3} \end{array}\right)$$

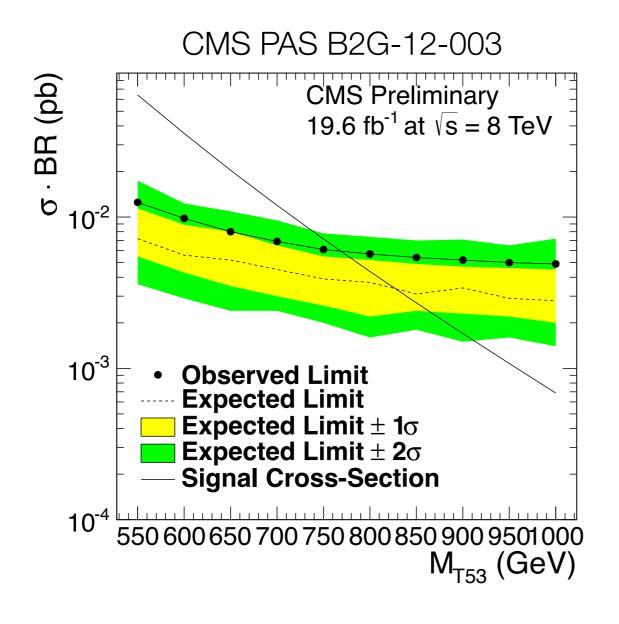
$$\operatorname{Br}(X_{5/3} \to tW^+) = \operatorname{Br}(B \to tW^-) = 1$$
  
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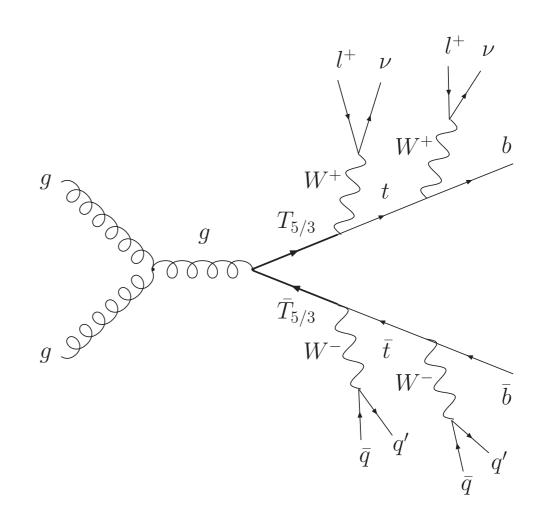


## Direct searches of resonances

## The exotic state X<sub>5/3</sub>

Limits from same-sign dilepton processes

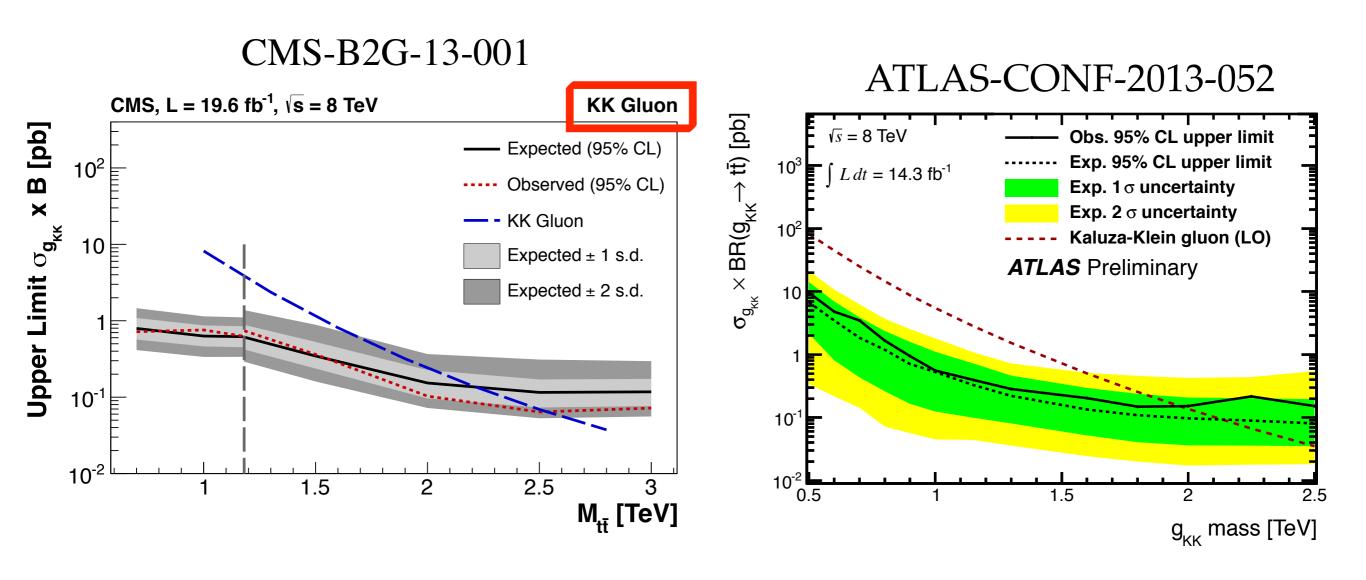




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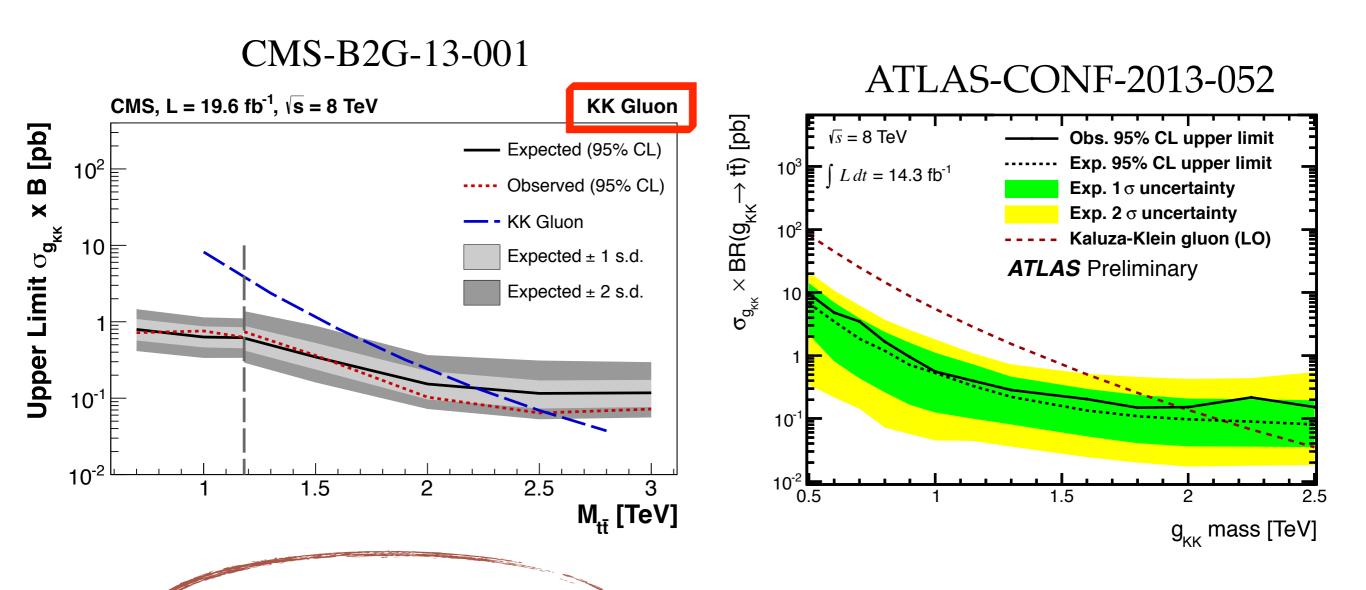


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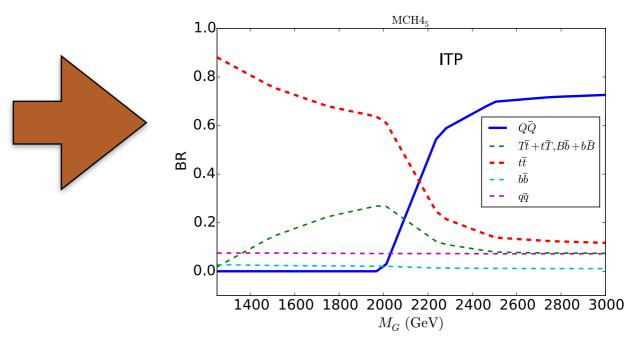


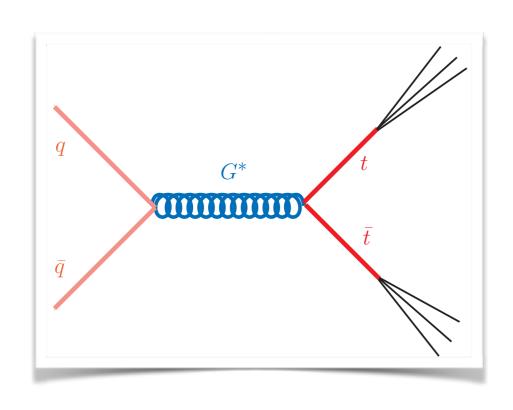
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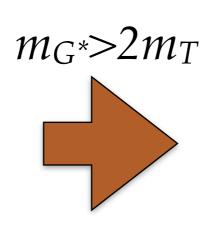
# What effects do top partners have on searches for heavy gluon?

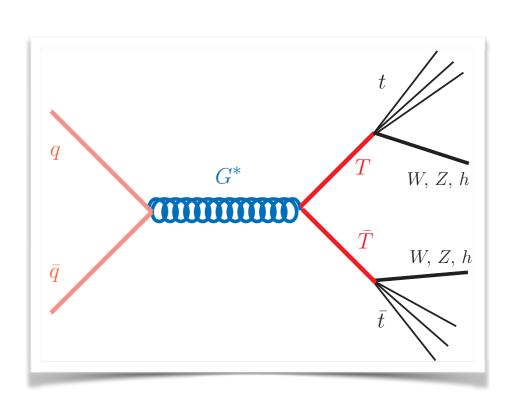
The heavy gluon is part of the composite sector

 It decays dominantly to the most composite fermions (t, T) allowed by kinematics





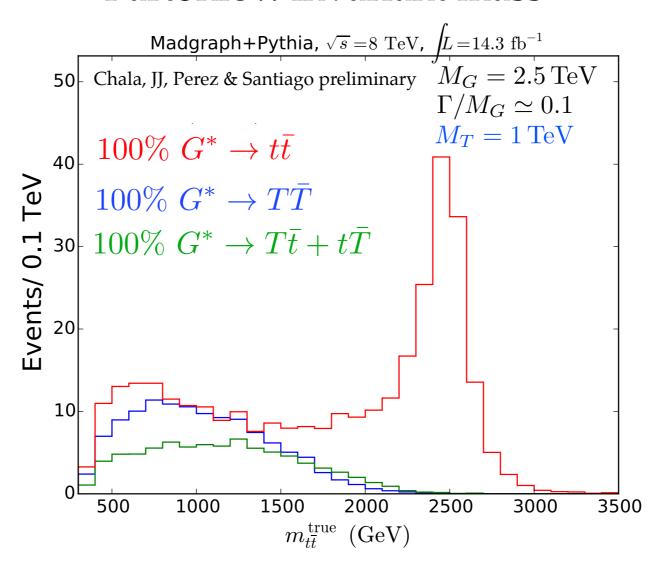




Heavy gluon searches designed for the RS KK gluon

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#### Partonic *tī* invariant mass



## Analysis performed in the lepton+jets channel

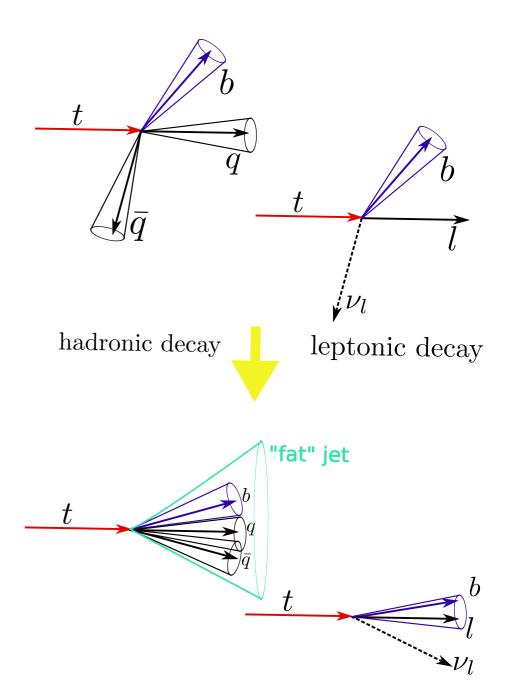
- One lepton with mini-ISO > 0.95
- High missing transverse energy

#### Resolved topology

- ≥4 jets, p<sub>T</sub>>25 GeV
- ≥1 b-jet

#### Boosted topology

- $\geq$ 1 large-*R* jet,  $p_T>350$  GeV
- $\geq$ 1 jet,  $p_T > 25$  GeV
- jet close to lepton
- jet substructure:  $\sqrt{d_{12}}$ >40 GeV,  $m_J$  > 100 GeV

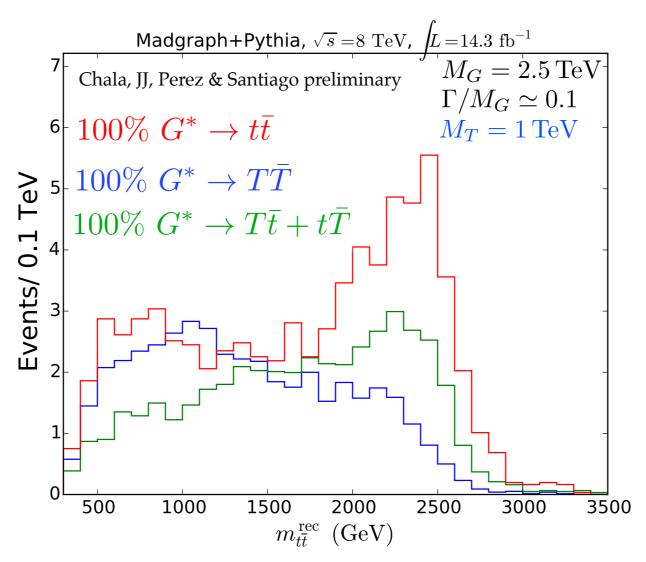


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Reconstructed *tī* invariant mass

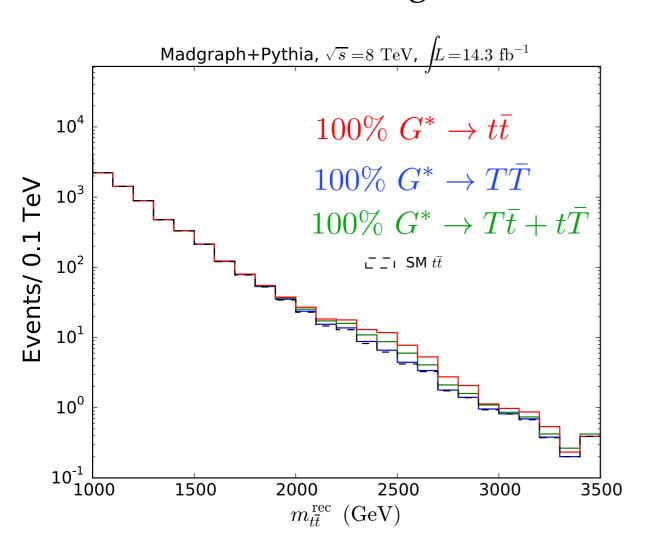
ATLAS reconstruction ATLAS-CONF-2013-052

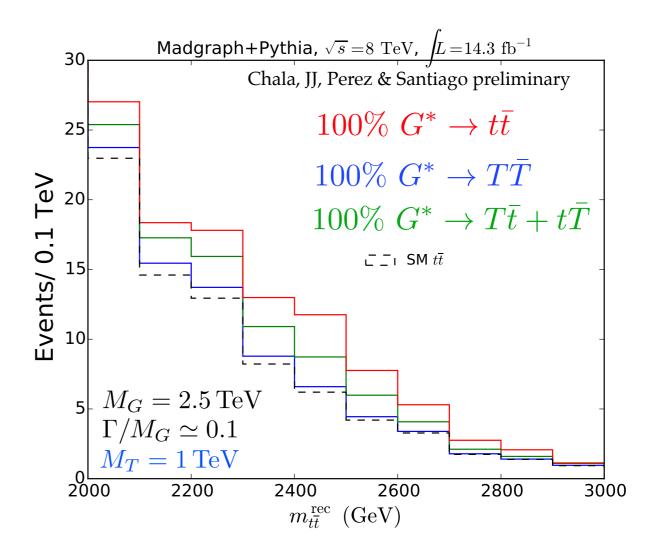


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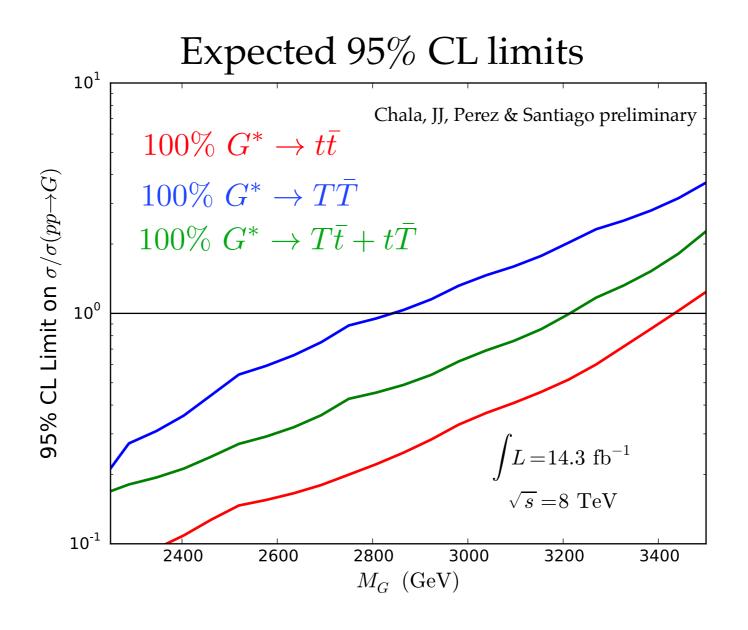
#### adding SM $t\bar{t}$ reconstructed invariant mass



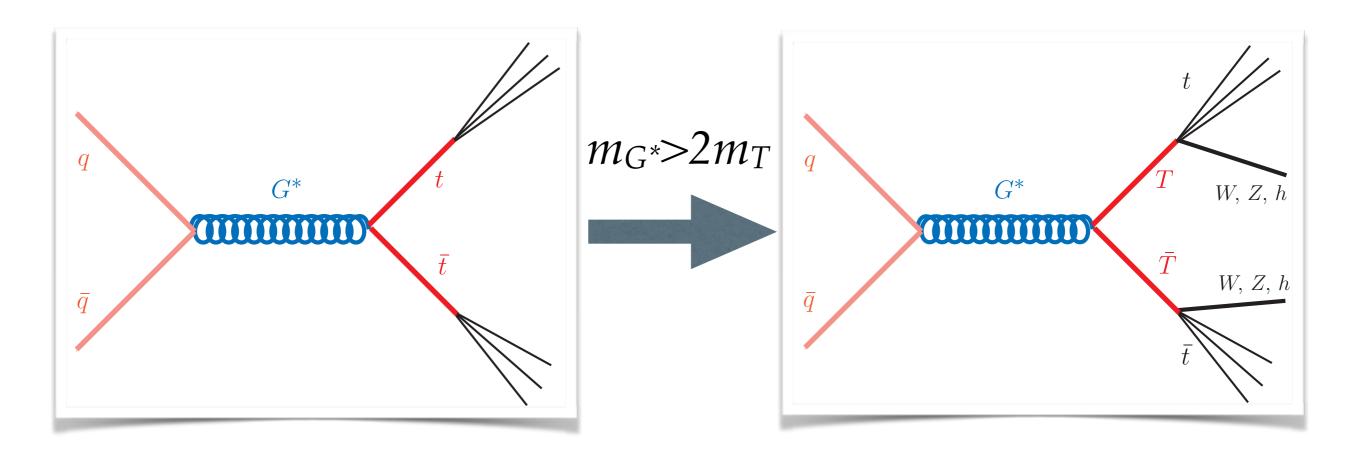


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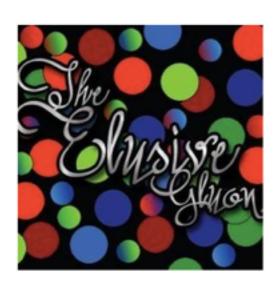
Asks for new kind of searches

## Summary

- Natural composite Higgs models provide a viable solution to the hierarchy problem; they generically predict "lightish" top partners.
- The phenomenology of heavy gluons widely differs from that of the simpler models considered so far.
- The heavy gluon bounds can be substantially weakened when considering the generic case of a fourplet being present.
- The complexity of final states asks for a more tailored study.

## Thanks for your attention!

# The elusive gluon??



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