

The Little Higgs boson at a photon collider

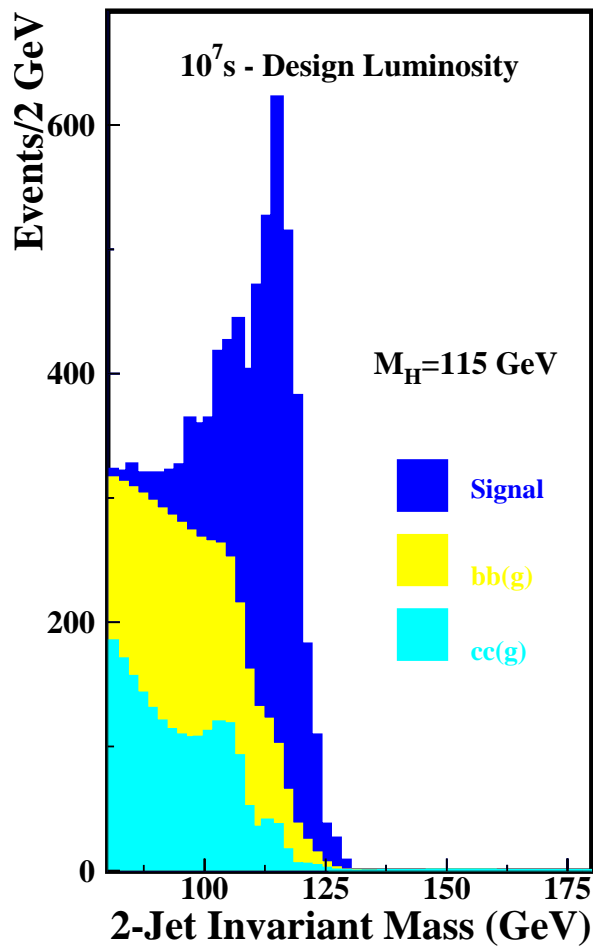
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Higgs production at a photon collider

The Higgs boson is produced at a photon collider via induced $\gamma\gamma H$ coupling.



$[\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}]$ signal
 Asner et al, hep-ex/011105

Expected precisions:

M_H	$b\bar{b}$	WW^*	ZZ
115 GeV	2%	5%	11%

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ in the Standard Model and beyond

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ comes from the gauge-invariant dim-6 operator

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{C}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

induced by W boson and top quark loops in the SM.

Taking $C = e^2/16\pi^2$ (electromagnetic, loop-induced)
 $\Lambda_{SM} = 165 \text{ GeV}$. Right scale for W and t loops.

How high a Λ_{new} can be probed with a 2% measurement
 $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$?

If $C_{new} = C_{SM}$ (weakly coupled new physics):
 $\Lambda_{new} = 1.2 (0.74) \text{ TeV}$ at 95% CL (5σ).

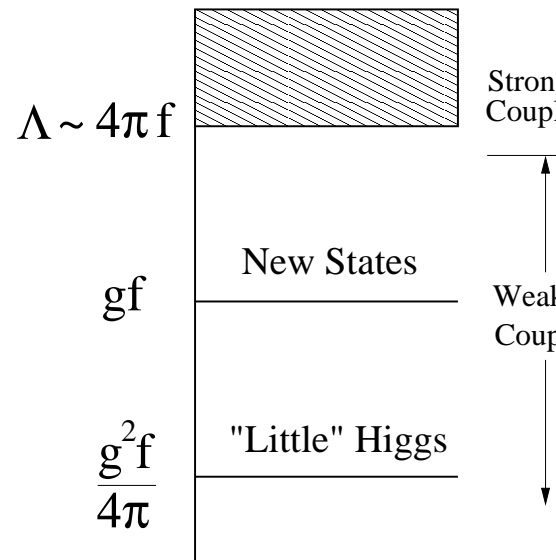
If $C_{new} = 1$ (strongly coupled new physics):
 $\Lambda_{new} = 48 (31) \text{ TeV}$ at 95% CL (5σ).

The Littlest Higgs model

The Littlest Higgs model is a new approach to stabilize the Higgs mass scale against radiative corrections, thereby solving the naturalness problem of a light Higgs boson.

New particles at the TeV scale cancel off the SM quadratic divergences of the Higgs mass from top (T), gauge (Z_H) and Higgs ($\phi^{0,+,+}$) loops.

- Higgs is a pseudo-Goldstone boson from global symmetry breaking at scale $\Lambda \sim 4\pi f \sim 10 - 30 \text{ TeV}$;
- Quadratic divergences cancelled at one-loop level by new states $M \sim gf \sim 1 - 3 \text{ TeV}$;
- Higgs acquires a mass radiatively at the EW scale $v \sim g^2 f / 4\pi \sim 100 - 300 \text{ GeV}$.

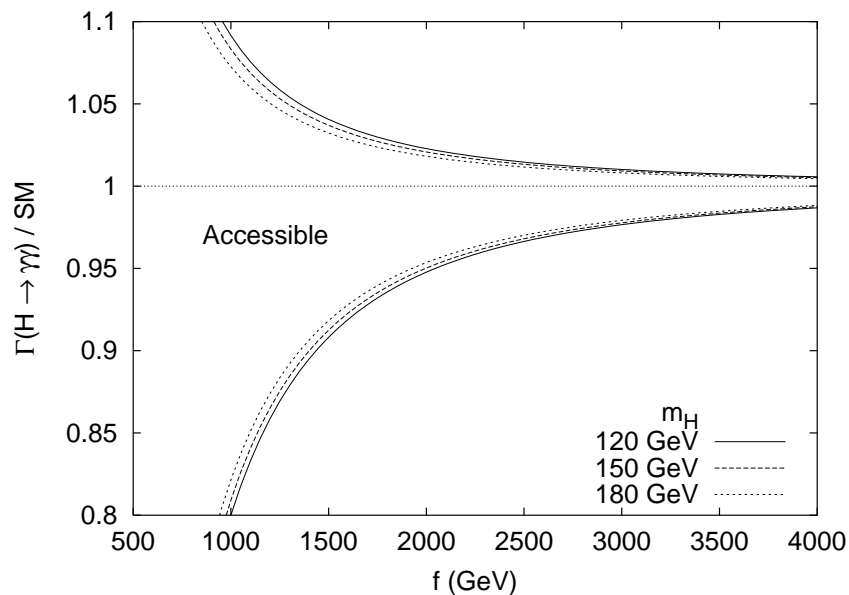


Corrections to $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ in the Littlest Higgs model

$\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H$ is loop induced: TeV-scale charged particles W^\pm and $\Phi^{\pm\pm}$ can run in the loops

Higgs couplings to SM particles modified due to mixing between SM and TeV-scale particles and corrections to SM particle masses

Han, Logan, McElrath, Wang '03

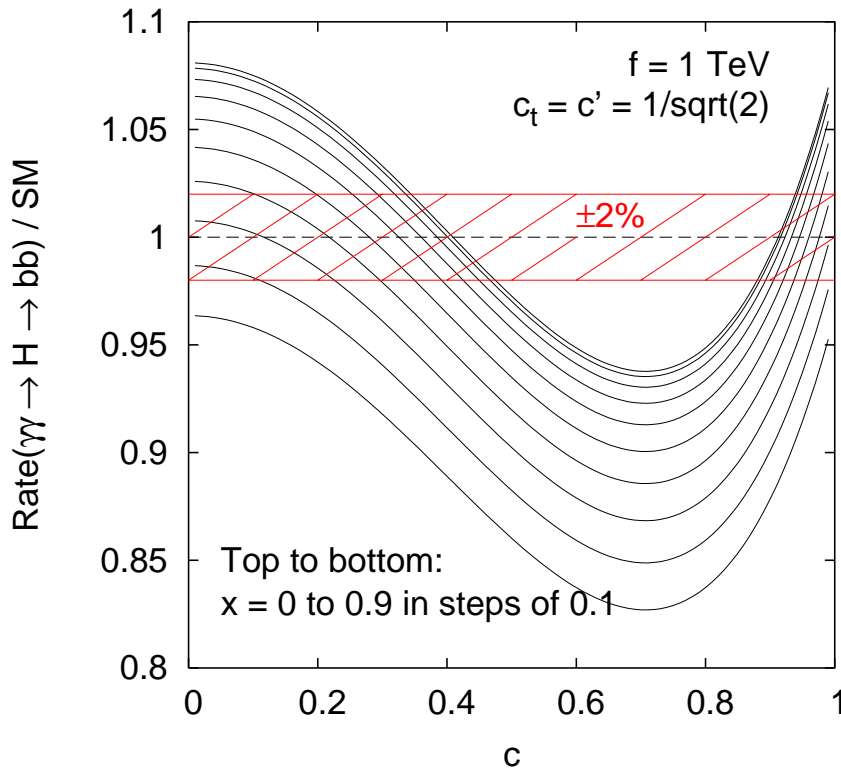


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depending on model parameters
Corrections are of order

Higgs decays in the Littlest Higgs model

Corrections to Higgs decays [from mixing between SM scale particles and corrections to couplings]: also $\mathcal{O}(v^2/f^2)$

- Corrections about the same size in each channel.
- Best channel from experimental side: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$.



Model parameters

f – new physics scale
 c – $SU(2)_{1,2}$ gauge mixing angle [Z_H ,
 c_t – top sector parameter
 x – Higgs sector parameter (controls triplet Φ)
 c' – $U(1)_{1,2}$ gauge mixing angle [EW
 favors only one $U(1)$
 $1/\sqrt{2}$, no A_H part

Using $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ to probe the Littlest Higgs

What can be done with the $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ rate measurement?

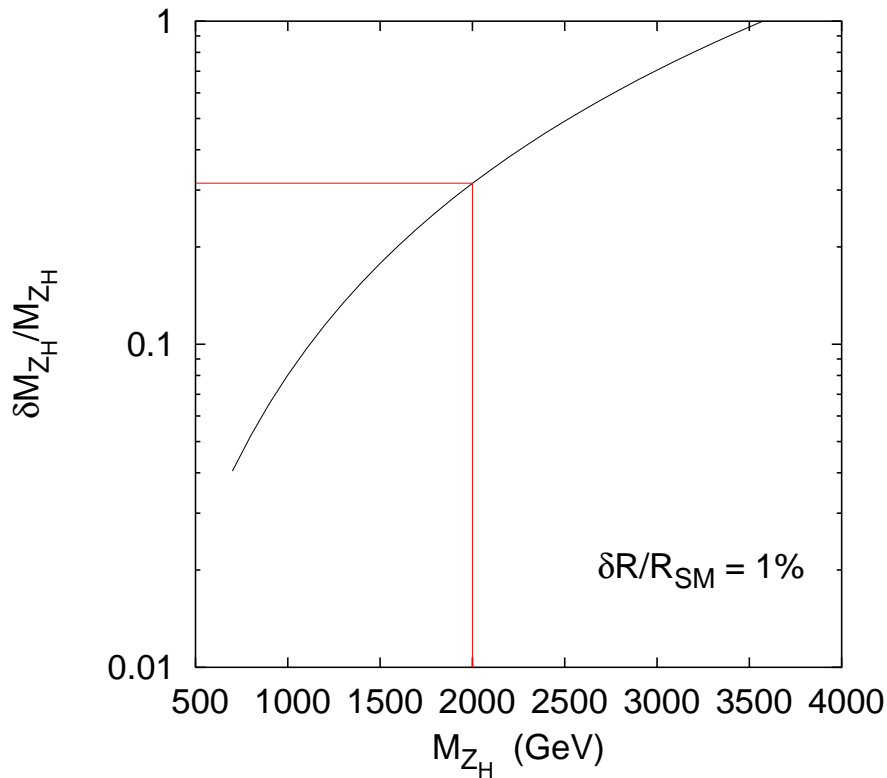
- Test the model: probe $\Lambda_{new} \sim 1 - 3$ TeV.
- Search for strongly-coupled UV completion: probe $\Lambda_{new} \sim \text{few} \times 10$ TeV.

Must be able to **predict** the rate for $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $R = \dots$ with a precision comparable to the photon collider experiment uncertainty of 2%.

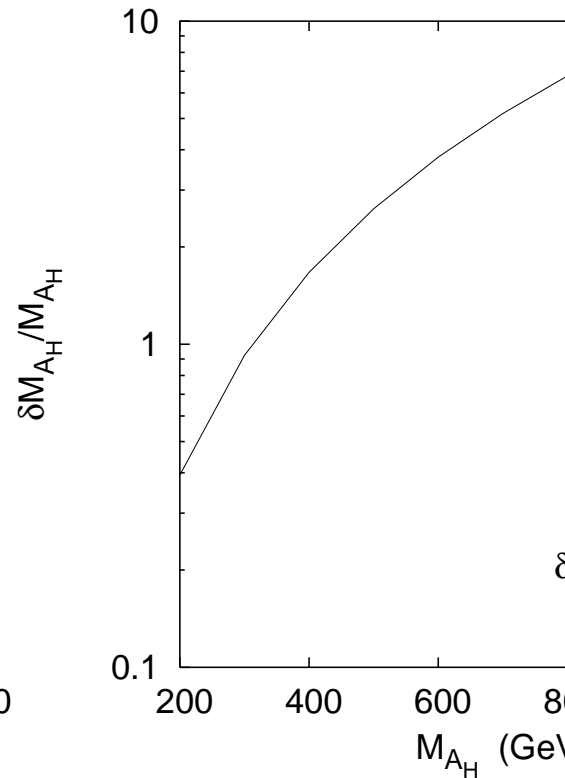
We therefore compute how well each model parameter is measured (at the LHC) in order to contribute no more than 1% uncertainty to R (i.e., $|\delta R/R_{SM}| \leq 1\%$).

Input precisions: M_{Z_H} and M_{A_H}

EW precision data:
 $M_{Z_H} \gtrsim 2 \text{ TeV}$.



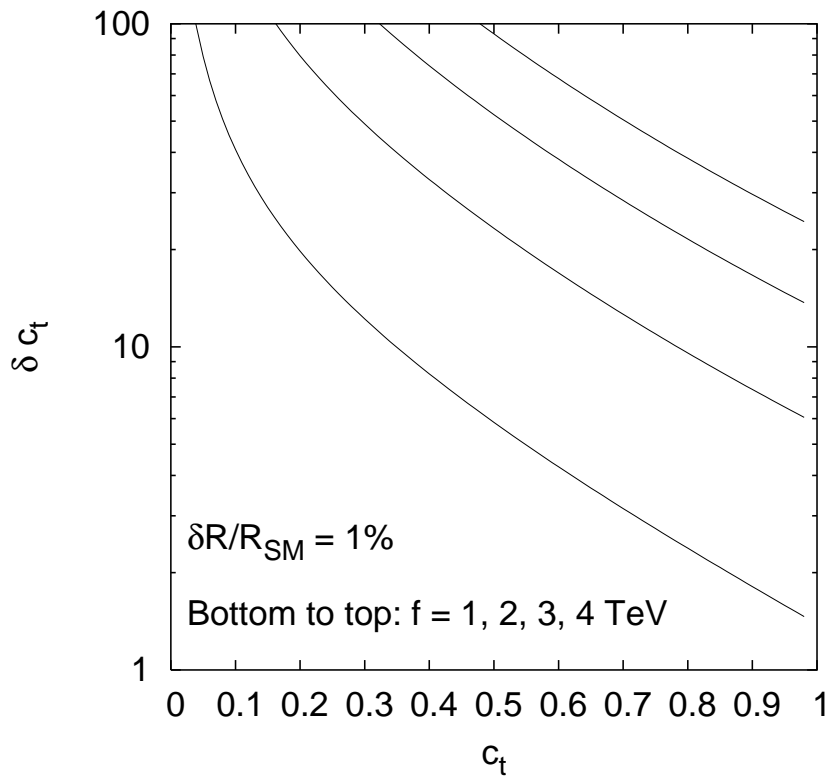
If model contains
(Disfavored by EW



Measure Z_H (A_H) \rightarrow dileptons.

Dilepton invariant mass resolution typically a few per
 \rightarrow no problem.

Input precisions: c_t



The $\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ is sensitive to c_t at a 1% level.

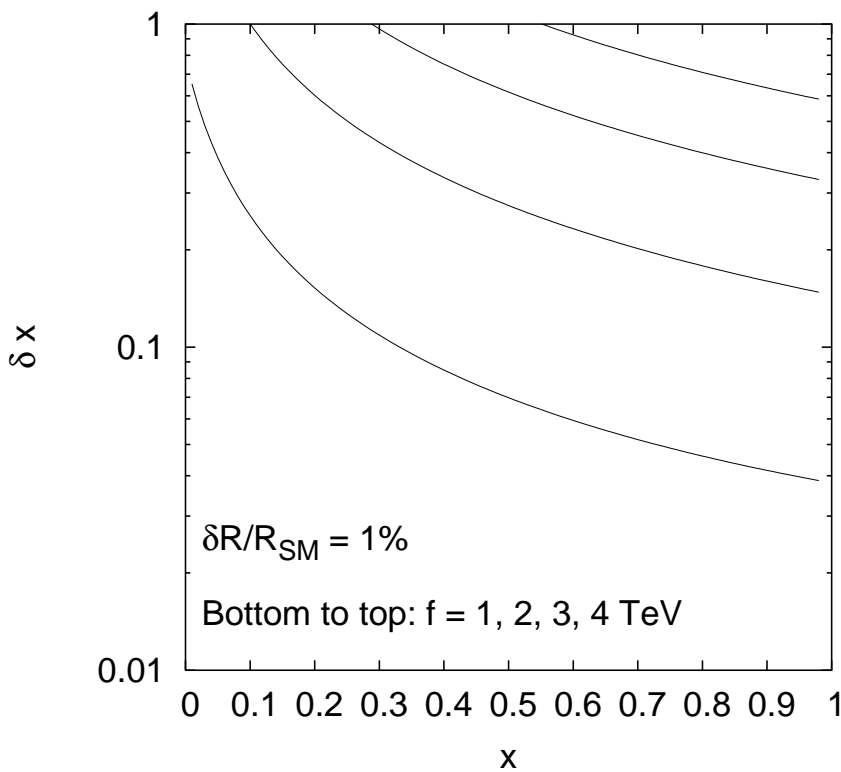
→ Don't need a measurement of this parameter.

Input precisions: x

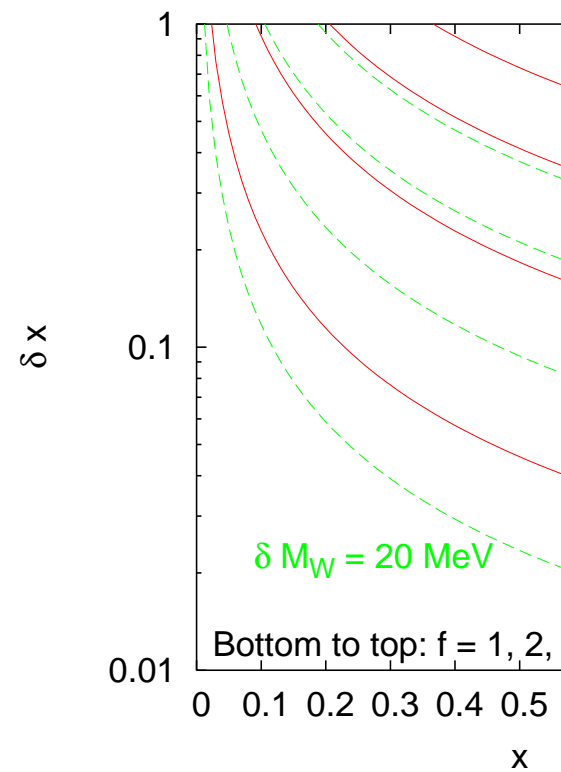
If f , c and c' are known, then x can be extracted from the current $\delta M_W = 39 \text{ MeV}$ gives good enough precision (except for $x \lesssim 0.1$, $f = 1 \text{ TeV}$).

[Tevatron Run II (2 fb^{-1}) goal: $\delta M_W = 20 \text{ MeV}$.]

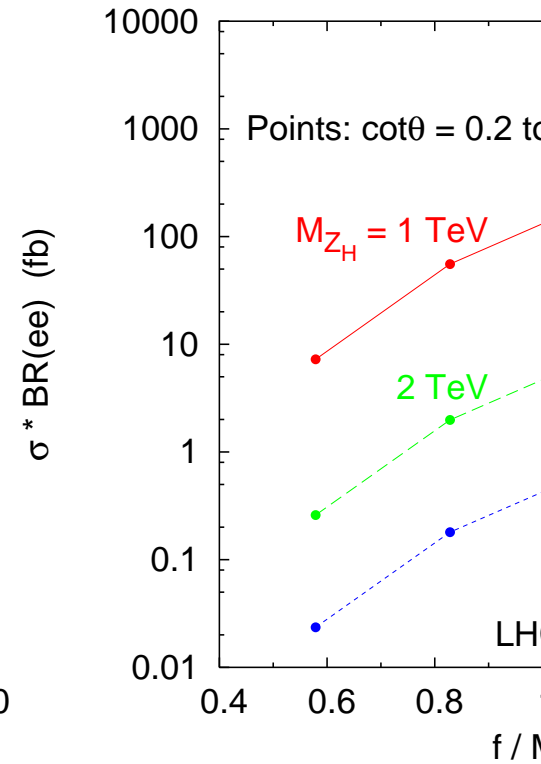
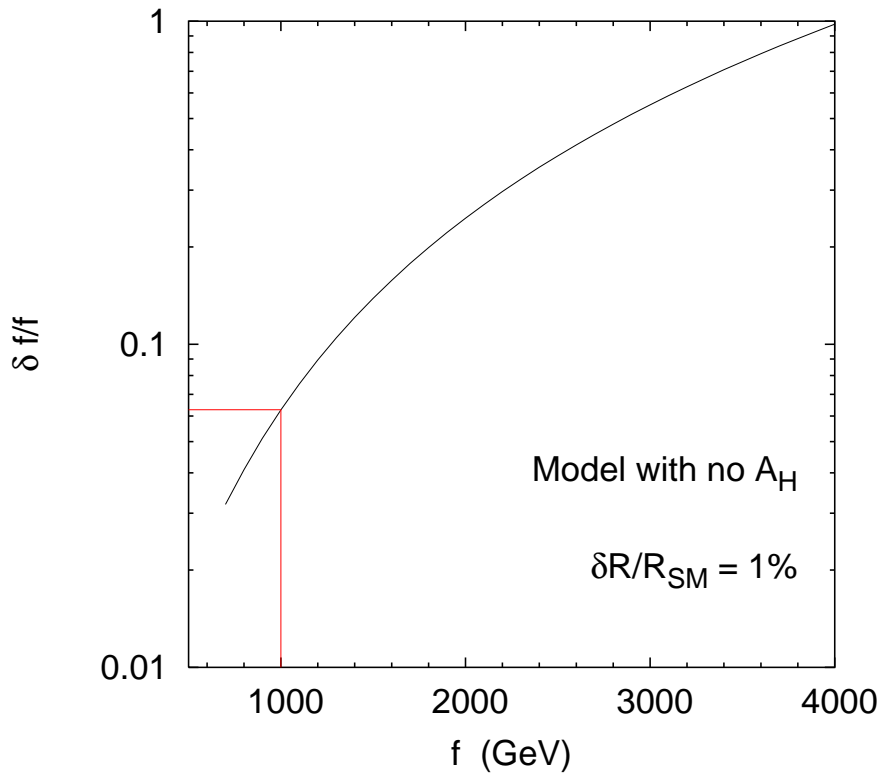
Precision wanted on x :



Precision on x from measurement:



Input precisions: f



EW precision constraints: $f \gtrsim 1$ TeV \rightarrow want $\gtrsim 6\%$ p

Extract f from $M_{Z_H} = gf/2sc$ and cross section $\propto c^2$,

Uncertainty on cross section from statistics: $\delta\sigma/\sigma = 1/\sqrt{N}$

Summary

Photon collider can measure $\text{Rate}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$
 $m_H = 115 \text{ GeV}$.

$\text{Rate}(\gamma\gamma \rightarrow H \rightarrow b\bar{b})$ in the Littlest Higgs model can
calculated from LHC data on model parameters in a
of the parameter space.

Probe the UV completion at $\sim 10 \text{ TeV}$!

- A strongly coupled UV completion contributes at
order as the TeV-scale particles:
 \sim several percent for $f \sim 1 - 3 \text{ TeV}$.
- A weakly coupled UV completion should not affect
at an observable level:
 \rightarrow Measurement is a test of model consistency.