

# AN EXTENSION OF THE MSSM WITH DIPHOTON RESONANCES

## 1 Introduction

- The recently reported 750 GeV diphoton resonance by ATLAS and CMS requires the introduction of new physics beyond the SM.
- There is already a flurry of theoretical papers offering a variety of plausible extensions of the SM to explain this diphoton excess.
- Here, we propose a particular extension of MSSM which naturally yields resonance states in the TeV range.
- Namely, our proposal is based on a local  $U(1)_{B-L}$  extension of the MSSM gauge symmetry.
- In contrast to the radiative electroweak symmetry breaking in MSSM, the additional  $U(1)$  is spontaneously broken at tree level.
- The relevant  $W$  is uniquely determined by the gauge symmetry, global  $B$  and  $L$  conservation, and a  $U(1)$  global R-symmetry.
- It utilizes an appropriate pair of Higgs superfields  $\Phi, \bar{\Phi}$ , as well as a gauge singlet superfield  $S$ .
- The resonances arise from the scalar components of  $S, \Phi, \bar{\Phi}$ .
- Their mass is determined, in the SUSY limit, by a dimensionless parameter  $\ll$  the gauge coupling.
- Thus, the resonances can be much lighter than the  $Z'$  gauge boson associated with  $B - L$ , whose mass should be at least a few TeV.
- The spontaneous breaking of  $U(1)_{B-L}$  leaves SUSY unbroken.

- The symmetry breaking scale  $M$  may be much larger than the soft SUSY breaking scale.
- $W$ 's of this type have previously been employed in the construction of SUSY hybrid inflation models.
- The scalar component of  $S$  acquires a non-zero VEV proportional to  $m_{3/2}$  after SUSY breaking.
- This has been utilized in the past to resolve the MSSM  $\mu$  problem.
- Here we also use this  $\langle S \rangle$  to provide masses to vector-like fields which play a role in the production and decay of the resonances.
- The R-symmetry protects  $S$  from acquiring arbitrarily large mass.

## 2 The model

- The new local  $U(1)_{B-L}$  symmetry is to be spontaneously broken at some scale  $M$ .
- We prefer to implement this breaking by a SUSY generalization of the Higgs mechanism.
- Motivated by MSSM, we require that  $W$  respects the global  $U(1)_B$  and  $U(1)_L$  symmetries and a global  $U(1)$  R-symmetry.
- The full renormalizable superpotential is

$$\begin{aligned}
W = & y_u H_u q u^c + y_d H_d q d^c + y_\nu H_u l \nu^c + y_e H_d l e^c \\
& + \kappa S (\Phi \bar{\Phi} - M^2) + \lambda_\mu S H_u H_d + \lambda_{\nu^c} \bar{\Phi} \nu^c \nu^c \\
& + \lambda_D S D \bar{D} + \lambda_q D q q + \lambda_{q^c} \bar{D} u^c d^c.
\end{aligned}$$

- $y_u, y_d, y_\nu, y_e$  are Yukawa couplings with family indices suppressed.

- Also  $q, u^c, d^c, l, \nu^c, e^c$  are the usual quark and lepton superfields of MSSM including the right handed neutrinos  $\nu^c$ .
- $H_u, H_d$  are the standard EW Higgs superfields.
- The gauge singlet  $S$  has the same R-charge as  $W$ , taken to be 2.
- So,  $H_u, H_d$  have opposite R-charges, which are brought to zero by a  $Y$  transformation.
- The R-charges of  $u^c$  and  $d^c$ , as well as of  $\nu^c$  and  $e^c$  are equal.
- Consequently,  $B$  and  $L$  transformations can make the R-charges of  $q, u^c, d^c, l, \nu^c, e^c$  all equal to unity.
- To determine the  $R$  and  $B - L$  charges of the SM singlets  $\Phi, \bar{\Phi}$ , we introduce the coupling  $\bar{\Phi}\nu^c\nu^c$ .
- This implies that their  $B - L$  charge is 2,  $-2$  respectively, and their R-charges are zero.
- Note that  $\bar{\Phi}\nu^c\nu^c$  generates masses for the  $\nu^c$ 's after the breaking of  $U(1)_{B-L}$  to its  $Z_2$  subgroup by  $\langle\Phi\rangle, \langle\bar{\Phi}\rangle$ .
- We also introduce the coupling  $SD\bar{D}$ , where  $D$  ( $\bar{D}$ ) are color triplet (antitriplet) and  $SU(2)_L$  singlet superfields.
- To determine the charges of  $D, \bar{D}$ , we need an additional coupling.
- Taking  $Dqq$ , we find that the R-charges of  $D, \bar{D}$  vanish.
- Also, the  $Y$  of  $D$  is  $-1/3$  and, thus, the  $Y$  of  $\bar{D}$  is  $1/3$ .
- Finally, the  $B - L$  of  $D$  is  $-2/3$  and that of  $\bar{D}$  is  $2/3$  with their  $L$  vanishing.
- Note that  $\bar{D}u^cd^c$  is also present as it respects all the symmetries.
- The  $Z_2$  subgroups of  $U(1)_R, U(1)_{B-L}$  coincide with matter parity under which the (anti)quark, (anti)lepton superfields are odd.

- This  $Z_2$  remains unbroken by all the soft SUSY breaking terms and all the VEVs.
- We summarize below all the superfields of the model together with their transformation properties and charges.

Superfields	Representations under $G_{SM}$	Global Symmetries		
		$B$	$L$	$R$
Matter Superfields				
$q$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, 1/6)$	$1/3$	$0$	$1$
$u^c$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -2/3)$	$-1/3$	$0$	$1$
$d^c$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)$	$-1/3$	$0$	$1$
$l$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)$	$0$	$1$	$1$
$\nu^c$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$0$	$-1$	$1$
$e^c$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1)$	$0$	$-1$	$1$
Higgs Superfields				
$H_u$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, 1/2)$	$0$	$0$	$0$
$H_d$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -1/2)$	$0$	$0$	$0$
$S$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$0$	$0$	$2$
$\Phi$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$0$	$-2$	$0$
$\bar{\Phi}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$0$	$2$	$0$
Vector-like Diquark Superfields				
$D$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -1/3)$	$-2/3$	$0$	$0$
$\bar{D}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)$	$2/3$	$0$	$0$

- Note that  $W$  is the most general renormalizable superpotential which obeys the symmetries of the model.
- Had we removed the  $B$  and  $L$  symmetries and kept only  $U(1)_{B-L}$ , the terms  $\bar{D}ql$ ,  $Du^c e^c$ , and  $Dd^c \nu^c$  would be present too.
- They would yield fast proton decay and other  $B$  and  $L$  violating effects.

- The spontaneous breaking of  $U(1)_{B-L}$  to  $Z_2$  will generate a network of local cosmic strings.
- Their string tension, determined by  $M$ , satisfies the most stringent relevant upper bound from pulsar timing arrays.
- The ‘bare’ MSSM  $\mu$  term is replaced by  $SH_uH_d$ .
- So the  $\mu$  term is generated after  $S$  acquires a non-zero VEV  $\sim \text{TeV}$  from soft SUSY breaking.
- $\langle S \rangle$  is also responsible for generating masses for the diquarks  $D$ ,  $\bar{D}$ , which may be found at the LHC.
- These masses are crucial in the production and decay of the diphoton resonances.
- The breaking of  $U(1)_{B-L}$  implemented with  $S$ ,  $\Phi$ ,  $\bar{\Phi}$  delivers, for exact SUSY, four scalars all with the same mass  $m_S = \sqrt{2}\kappa M$ .
- Even for  $M \gg 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  $m_S$  can be  $\simeq 750 \text{ GeV}$  for  $\kappa$  small enough.
- Note that, after SUSY breaking, the four resonances may end up with significantly different masses.

### 3 Analysis of the Model

- The breaking of  $U(1)_{B-L}$  is achieved via the term  $\kappa S(\Phi\bar{\Phi} - M^2)$  which, for unbroken SUSY, gives the potential

$$V = \kappa^2 |\Phi\bar{\Phi} - M^2| + \kappa^2 |S|^2 (|\Phi|^2 + |\bar{\Phi}|^2) + \text{D-terms.}$$

- Here we made  $M$ ,  $\kappa$  real and positive by field rephasing.
- Vanishing of the D-terms yields  $|\Phi| = |\bar{\Phi}| \implies \bar{\Phi}^* = e^{i\varphi}\Phi$ .

- The F-terms vanish for  $S = 0$ ,  $\Phi\bar{\Phi} = M^2$ , requiring  $\varphi = 0$ .
- Rotating  $\Phi$ ,  $\bar{\Phi}$  to the positive real axis by a  $B - L$  transformation, we find the SUSY vacuum

$$S = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi = \bar{\Phi} = M.$$

- The mass spectrum of the scalar  $S - \Phi - \bar{\Phi}$  system is constructed by writing  $\Phi = M + \delta\Phi$  and  $\bar{\Phi} = M + \delta\bar{\Phi}$ .
- For unbroken SUSY, we find two complex scalar fields  $S$  and  $\theta = (\delta\Phi + \delta\bar{\Phi})/\sqrt{2}$  with equal masses  $m_S = m_\theta = \sqrt{2}\kappa M$ .
- Soft SUSY breaking can, of course, mix these fields and generate a mass splitting.
- For example, the trilinear soft term  $A\kappa S\Phi\bar{\Phi}$  yields a mass<sup>2</sup> splitting  $\pm\sqrt{2}\kappa MA$  with mass eigenstates  $(S+\theta^*)/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $(S-\theta^*)/\sqrt{2}$ .
- We assume, for simplicity, that the mixing is small and ignore it.
- Consider the soft SUSY breaking potential terms

$$V_1 = A\kappa S\Phi\bar{\Phi} - (A - 2m_{3/2})\kappa M^2 S, \quad A \sim m_{3/2}$$

arising from the  $W$  term  $\kappa S(\Phi\bar{\Phi} - M^2)$ .

- In minimal SURGA, the coefficients of the trilinear and linear soft terms are related as shown.
- Substituting  $\Phi = \bar{\Phi} = M$ , we obtain a linear term in  $S$  which, together with the mass term  $2\kappa^2 M^2 |S|^2$ , generates a VEV:

$$\langle S \rangle = -\frac{m_{3/2}}{\kappa}.$$

- From  $\lambda_\mu S H_u H_d$ , we obtain the  $\mu$  term with  $\mu = -\lambda_\mu m_{3/2}/\kappa$ .

- The same VEV generates mass terms  $m_D D\bar{D}$  for the vector-like superfields  $D, \bar{D}$  via  $\lambda_D S D\bar{D}$  with  $m_D = -\lambda_D m_{3/2}/\kappa$ .
- To preserve gauge coupling unification, we introduce vector-like colorless,  $SU(2)_L$  doublets  $L, \bar{L}$  equal in number to  $D, \bar{D}$ .
- Note that with up to four  $D, \bar{D}$  and  $L, \bar{L}$  pairs with masses  $\sim \text{TeV}$ , the gauge couplings stay perturbative up to  $M_{\text{GUT}}$ .
- The  $L, \bar{L}$ 's with a  $W$  coupling  $\lambda_L S L\bar{L}$  can enhance the branching ratio of the decay of the scalars  $S$  and  $\theta$  to photons.
- They also allow the decay into  $W^\pm$ .
- Introducing the  $W$  coupling  $Lle^c$ , the  $Y$  of  $L$  ( $\bar{L}$ ) is  $-1/2$  ( $1/2$ ).
- Their  $B, L$ , and R-charges are all zero.
- These quantum numbers allow also the couplings  $SLH_u, SH_d\bar{L}, Lqd^c, \bar{L}qu^c$ , and  $\bar{L}l\nu^c$ .
- Substituting  $\langle S \rangle$  in  $\lambda_L S L\bar{L}$ ,  $L, \bar{L}$  get a mass  $m_L = -\lambda_L m_{3/2}/\kappa$ .

## 4 Diphoton Resonance

- The real (pseudo)scalar  $S_1$  ( $S_2$ ) in  $S = (S_1 + iS_2)/\sqrt{2}$  with  $m_S = \sqrt{2}\kappa M$  for exact SUSY can be produced by  $g$  fusion.
- The relevant graphs via a fermionic  $D, \bar{D}$  loop are shown in Fig. 1.
- In the absence of  $L, \bar{L}$ , they can decay into  $g, \gamma$ , or  $Z$  via the same diagram, but not to  $W^\pm$  since  $D, \bar{D}$  are  $SU(2)_L$  singlets.
- The most promising decay channel to search for these resonances is into two  $\gamma$  with the relevant diagram also shown in Fig. 1.

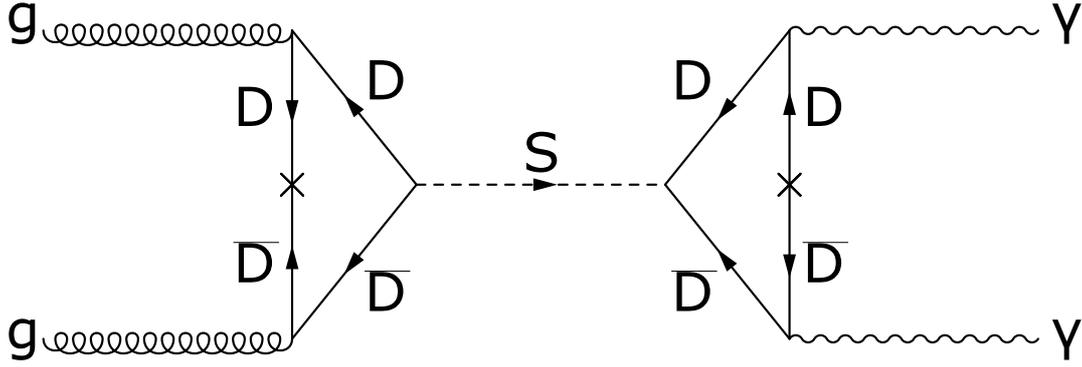


Figure 1: Production of the bosonic  $S$  by  $g$  fusion and its decay into  $\gamma$ . Solid (dashed) lines represent fermions (bosons). The arrows depict the chirality of the superfields and the crosses mass insertions.

- The cross section of the diphoton excess is

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \simeq \frac{C_{gg}}{m_S s \Gamma_{S_i}} \Gamma(S_i \rightarrow gg) \Gamma(S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma).$$

- Here  $C_{gg} \simeq 3163$ ,  $\sqrt{s} \simeq 13$  TeV,  $\Gamma_{S_i}$  = total decay width of  $S_i$ .
- The decay widths of  $S_i$  to two  $g$  or two  $\gamma$  are

$$\Gamma(S_i \rightarrow gg) = \frac{n^2 \alpha_s^2 m_S^3}{256 \pi^3 \langle S \rangle^2} A_i^2(x),$$

$$\Gamma(S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{n^2 \alpha_Y^2 m_S^3 \cos^4 \theta_W}{4608 \pi^3 \langle S \rangle^2} A_i^2(x).$$

- $n$  is the number of  $D, \bar{D}$  pairs with a common coupling  $\lambda_D$  to  $S$ .
- $A_1(x) = 2x[1 + (1-x) \arcsin^2(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})]$ ,  $A_2(x) = 2x \arcsin^2(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})$  with  $x = 4m_D^2/m_S^2 > 1$ .
- $\alpha_s, \alpha_Y$  are the strong and  $Y$  fine-structure constants.
- If  $L, \bar{L}$  are present, they also contribute to the  $\Gamma$  of  $S$  to  $\gamma$  via loop diagrams similar to the ones in the right part of Fig. 1.

- In this case, the equation for  $\Gamma(S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)$  is replaced by

$$\Gamma(S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = \frac{n^2 m_S^3 \alpha_Y^2 \cos^4 \theta_W}{4608 \pi^3 \langle S \rangle^2} A_i^2(x) \left[ 1 + \frac{3A_i(y)}{2A_i(x)} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha_2 \tan^2 \theta_W}{\alpha_Y} \right) \right]^2.$$

- $\alpha_2$  is the  $SU(2)_L$  fine-structure constant,  $y = 4m_L^2/m_S^2 > 1$ .
- The cross section simplifies if  $S_i$  decay predominantly into  $g$ , namely, if  $\Gamma_{S_i} \simeq \Gamma(S_i \rightarrow gg)$ .
- In this case, one obtains  $\sigma(pp \rightarrow S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \simeq 8$  fb if

$$\frac{\Gamma(S_i \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{m_S} \simeq 1.1 \times 10^{-6}.$$

- For  $x$  and  $y$  just above 1, the  $S_i$  decay to  $D, \bar{D}$  and  $L, \bar{L}$  is blocked and  $A_1(x), A_2(y)$  are maximized with  $A_1 \simeq 2, A_2 \simeq \pi^2/2$ .
- However,  $x$  close to 1 means  $m_D \simeq 375$  GeV, which is excluded by ATLAS and CMS. So we take  $m_D = 700$  GeV.
- Moreover, it is more beneficial to consider the decay of the  $S_2$  since  $A_2(x) > A_1(x)$  for all  $x > 1$ .
- We then find that the condition above is satisfied for  $|\langle S \rangle| \simeq 758$  GeV, for  $n = 3, m_S \simeq 750$  GeV.
- In this case,  $\lambda_D \simeq 0.92$  and  $\lambda_L$  is just above 0.49.
- Note that the inclusion of  $L, \bar{L}$  enhances the decay width of  $S_2$  to  $\gamma$  by about a factor 58.5.
- For exact SUSY, the complex scalar  $S$  could decay into Higgsinos via the term  $\lambda_\mu S H_u H_d$  if this is kinematically allowed – Fig. 2(a).

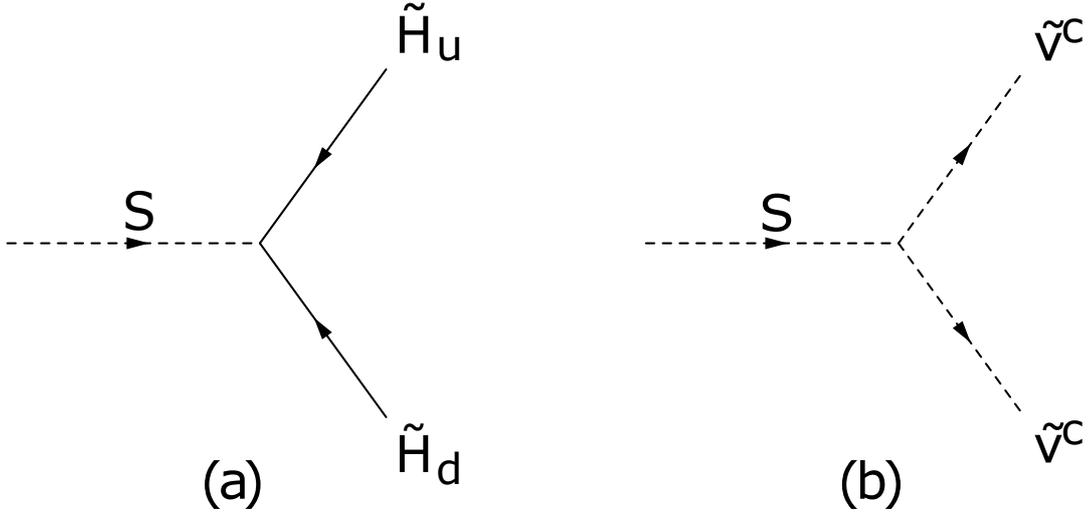


Figure 2: Decay of the bosonic component of  $S$  into MSSM Higgsinos ( $\tilde{H}_u, \tilde{H}_d$ ) and right handed sneutrinos ( $\tilde{\nu}^c$ ). The notation is as in Fig. 1.

- $S$  could also decay into right handed sneutrinos via the F-term  $F_{\bar{\Phi}}$  between  $\kappa S \Phi \bar{\Phi}$  and  $\bar{\Phi} \nu^c \nu^c$  after substituting  $\langle \Phi \rangle$  – Fig. 2(b).
- The decay widths in the two cases are, respectively,

$$\Gamma_H^S = \frac{\lambda_\mu^2}{8\pi} m_S, \quad \Gamma_{\nu^c}^S = \frac{\lambda_{\nu^c}^2}{8\pi} m_S,$$

- Depending on the kinematics the total decay width of the resonance could easily lie in the multi-GeV range.
- The diphoton, dijet, diboson events in this case are sub-dominant.
- Our estimate of  $|\langle S \rangle|$  holds if the decay of  $S$  into Higgsinos and right handed sneutrinos is kinematically blocked.
- This is achieved for  $|\mu| = \lambda_\mu |\langle S \rangle| > m_S/2 \simeq 375$  GeV (or  $\lambda_\mu \gtrsim 0.49$ ) and  $\lambda_{\nu^c} M > m_S/2$ .
- Demanding that the mass of the  $B - L$  gauge boson  $m_{Z'} = \sqrt{6} g_{B-L} M > 3$  TeV, we find that  $g_{B-L} M \gtrsim 1225$  GeV.

- Setting  $m_{3/2} = 50$  GeV, we obtain  $\kappa \simeq 0.066$ ,  $M \simeq 8040$  GeV,  $\lambda_{\nu^c} \gtrsim 0.047$ , and  $g_{B-L} \gtrsim 0.15$ .
- A gravitino in this mass range is a plausible cold matter candidate.
- $g_{B-L} \lesssim 0.25$ ,  $\lambda_D$ , and  $\lambda_L$  remain perturbative up to  $M_{\text{GUT}}$ .
- If  $g_{B-L} \simeq 0.24$ , it unifies with the MSSM gauge couplings.
- So the requirements for a viable diphoton resonance are met.
- The spin zero field  $\theta = (\theta_1 + i\theta_2)/\sqrt{2}$  consists of a (pseudo)scalar  $\theta_1$  ( $\theta_2$ ) field with mass  $m_\theta = \sqrt{2}\kappa M$  in the SUSY limit.
- It couples to the scalar vector-like fields  $D, \bar{D}$  via the F-term  $F_S$  between  $\kappa S\Phi\bar{\Phi}$  and  $\lambda_D S D \bar{D}$  with coupling constant  $\lambda_D m_\theta$ .

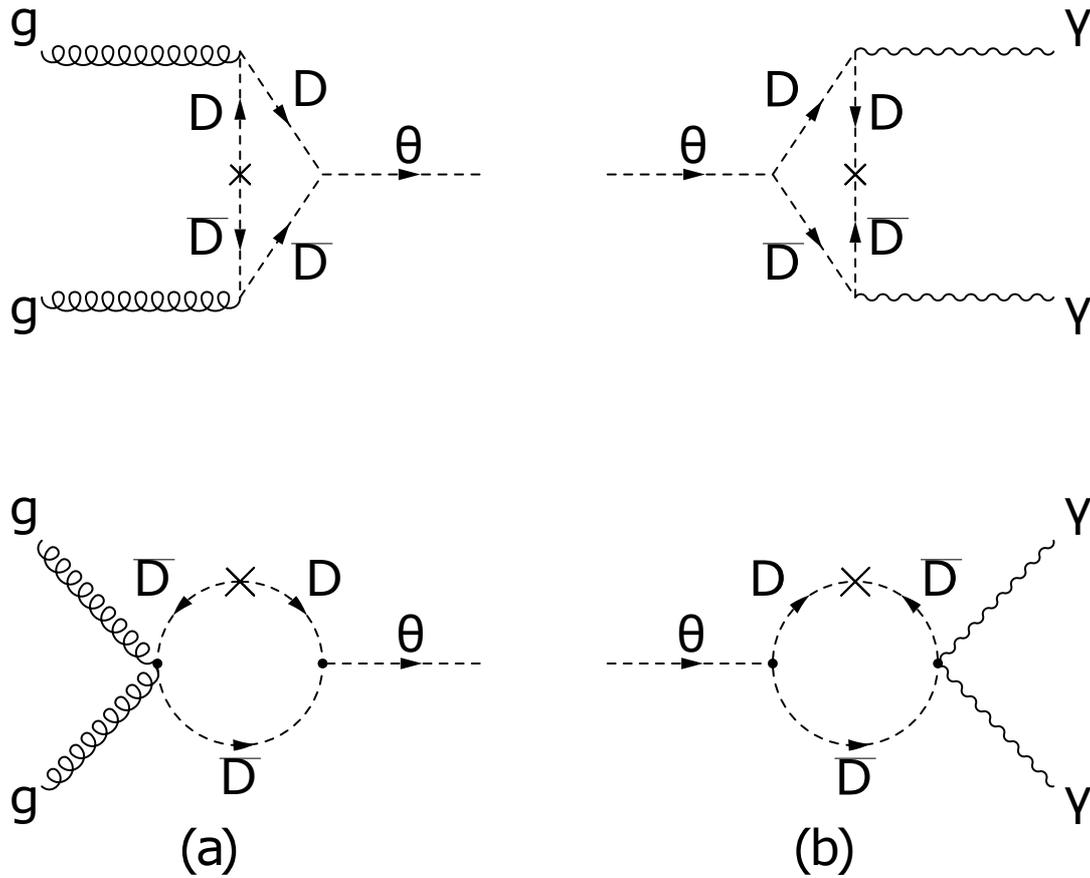


Figure 3: Production of the bosonic component of  $\theta$  by  $g$  fusion and its subsequent decay into  $\gamma$ . The notation is as in Fig. 1 with the crosses indicating mass squared insertions.

- It also can be produced by  $g$  fusion via scalar  $D$ ,  $\bar{D}$  loops – Fig. 3(a), and decay into two  $\gamma$  via the graphs in Fig. 3(b).
- Note that, in the presence of  $L$ ,  $\bar{L}$ , similar graphs with scalar  $L$ ,  $\bar{L}$  loops also contribute to the decay of  $\theta$  into  $\gamma$ .
- The mass squared insertions in the graphs now arise from the soft SUSY breaking trilinear term  $A'\lambda_D S D \bar{D}$  and are equal to  $A'm_D$ .
- Thus, for  $A' \ll m_D$ , the cross sections for the diphoton excess are suppressed by a factor  $(A'/m_D)^4$  relative to the ones for  $S$ .
- Larger soft SUSY breaking trilinear terms will enhance the diagrams in Fig. 3 and also cause larger mixing between  $S$  and  $\theta$ .
- In this case all four states can contribute to the diphoton excess.
- $\theta$  can decay, for exact SUSY, into  $H_u$ ,  $H_d$  and  $\nu^{c'}$ 's if this is kinematically allowed with decay widths equal to  $\Gamma_H^S$ ,  $\Gamma_{\nu^c}^S$  respectively.

## 5 Summary

- We presented a realistic  $U(1)_{B-L}$  extension of the MSSM with resonances observable at the LHC and/or future colliders.
- The symmetries prevent the  $\mu$  parameter and the masses of vector-like fields and a gauge singlet field from being arbitrarily large.
- Four spin zero resonances arise from a gauge singlet scalar and a pair of conjugate Higgs superfields responsible for  $B-L$  breaking.
- One or more of them could explain the 750 GeV diphoton excess.
- Their total decay widths can lie in the multi-GeV range with the diphoton, diboson, dijet events being sub-dominant.