

# Radiative decays of a singlet scalar boson through vector-like quarks

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# Introduction

- 13 TeV LHC data → more solidifying the Standard Model, and **no signal for new physics**.
- Usual way to explain the absence of new signal is **to push new particles out of the LHC reach**, or **to introduce hidden sectors**.
- If either is the case, a clue on new physics can be searched through radiative corrections mediated by new particles or the linking to the hidden sector.
- We aim at proposing **new signals for a heavy scalar boson generated only through loop effects**, which are *so significant* to be useful in the search for a new heavy scalar boson.

# Introduction

- How can loop effect be significant ?
  - When heavy particles running in the loop non-decouple, so that the amplitude is substantially enhanced.
- Non-decoupling means that the suppression of loop effects due to large mass of mediator is compensated by the increased coupling.
- In the SM, the process  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  shows non-decoupling of  $t$ .
  - Since  $t$  Yukawa coupling is  $\frac{m_t}{v}$ ,  $t$  contribution to the amplitude is of the form  $\frac{m_t}{v} \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{m_t}$
- We study a possibility that **loop induced decay rate of a new heavy scalar can be enhanced.**

# Model

- On top of the SM, we introduce a singlet scalar boson  $S_0$ ,

VLQ doublets  $Q_{L/R} = \begin{pmatrix} U'_{L/R} \\ D'_{L/R} \end{pmatrix}$ , VLQ singlets  $U_{L/R}, D_{L/R}$

- Scalar potential :

$$V(H, S_0) = -\mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2 + \frac{a_1}{2} S_0 H^\dagger H + \frac{a_2}{2} S_0^2 H^\dagger H \\ + b_1 S_0 + \frac{b_2}{2} S_0^2 + \frac{b_3}{3} S_0^3 + \frac{b_4}{4} S_0^4.$$

- Minimization :  $v = \langle h^0 \rangle = 246$  GeV,

$$\langle S_0 \rangle = 0, \quad \mu^2 = \lambda v^2 \quad b_1 = -\frac{v^2}{4} a_1$$

# Model

- Yukawa interactions for VLQs :

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = S_0 [y_Q \bar{Q} Q + y_U \bar{U} U + y_D \bar{D} D] + M_Q \bar{Q} Q + M_U \bar{U} U + M_D \bar{D} D \\ + \left[ Y_D \bar{Q}_L H D_R + Y'_D \bar{Q}_R H D_L + Y_U \bar{Q}_L \tilde{H} U_R + Y'_U \bar{Q}_R \tilde{H} U_L + H.c. \right]$$

- VLQ mass matrix :

$$\mathbb{M}_F = \begin{pmatrix} M_Q & \frac{Y_F v}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{Y_F v}{\sqrt{2}} & M_F \end{pmatrix}$$

diagonalized by

$$\mathbb{R}_{\theta_F} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\theta_F} & -s_{\theta_F} \\ s_{\theta_F} & c_{\theta_F} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Model

- Mass eigenvalues & mixing angles

$$M_{F_1, F_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_Q + M_F \mp \sqrt{(M_F - M_Q)^2 + 2Y_F^2 v^2} \right]$$

$$s_{2\theta_F} = \frac{\sqrt{2}Y_F v}{M_{F_2} - M_{F_1}},$$

- Gauge interactions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = & eA_\mu \sum_F \sum_i Q_F \bar{F}_i \gamma^\mu F_i + g_Z Z_\mu \sum_F \sum_{i,j} \hat{g}_{ZF_i F_j} \bar{F}_i \gamma^\mu F_j \\ & + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ W^{+\mu} \sum_{i,j} \hat{g}_{WU_i D_j} \bar{U}_i \gamma_\mu D_j + H.c. \right]. \end{aligned}$$

# Effects of VLQ Loops

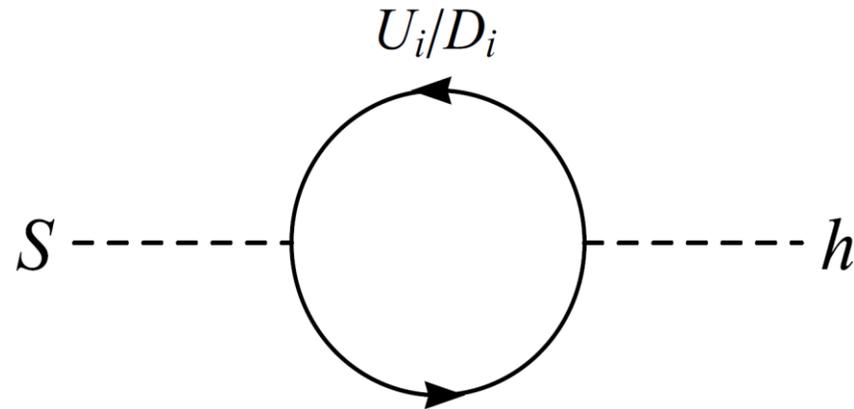
- To see how loop induced decay rate of  $S_0$  can be enhanced, we take a limiting scenario where  $S_0$  has no tree level coupling with the SM higgs :

$$a_1^{tree} = 0 = a_2^{tree}$$

- VLQs play the messenger connecting  $S_0$  to SM higgs
- 2 radiative phenomena :
  - radiative generation of  $S_0-h$  mixing
  - radiative decays of  $S_0$  into SM particles

# Effects of VLQ Loops

## (1) Radiative generation of $S_0-h$ mixing



- 1-loop Mixing mass squared term

$$\tau_{F_i}^S = \frac{m_S^2}{4m_{F_i}^2}$$

$$\delta M_{Sh}^2 = -\frac{y_S N_c}{4\pi^2} \sum_F \sum_i y_{hF_i F_i} M_{F_i}^2 \left[ 4(\tau_{F_i}^S - 1)g(\tau_{F_i}^S) - 4\tau_{F_i}^S + 5 \right]$$

$$g(\tau) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\tau^{-1} - 1} \arcsin \sqrt{\tau} & \text{if } \tau \leq 1; \\ \frac{\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}}{2} \left[ \log \frac{1+\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}}{1-\sqrt{1-\tau^{-1}}} - i\pi \right] & \text{if } \tau > 1. \end{cases}$$

# Effects of VLQ Loops

- Since  $y_{hF_1F_1} = -y_{hF_2F_2}$ ,  $\delta M_{Sh}^2$  is suppressed when  $M_{F_1} \approx M_{F_2}$
- Scalar mass-squared matrix

$$M_{hS}^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} M_{hh}^2 & \delta M_{Sh}^2 \\ \delta M_{Sh}^2 & M_{SS}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Mass eigenvalues and mixing angles 여기에 수식을 입력하십시오.

$$m_{h,S}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( M_{hh}^2 + M_{SS}^2 \mp \sqrt{(M_{SS}^2 - M_{hh}^2)^2 + 4(\delta M_{Sh}^2)^2} \right)$$

$$s_{2\eta} = -\frac{2\delta M_{Sh}^2}{m_S^2 - m_h^2},$$

$$h = c_\eta h_0 - s_\eta S_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad 125 \text{ GeV scalar boson}$$

# Effects of VLQ Loops

- Loop induced decays of  $h$  into  $gg$  and  $\gamma\gamma$  have additional loop contributions from VLQs.
- In the SM :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} = \kappa_g c_g^{\text{SM}} \frac{h}{v} G^{a\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a + \kappa_\gamma c_\gamma^{\text{SM}} \frac{h}{v} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$c_g^{\text{SM}} \equiv \frac{\alpha_s}{16\pi} A_{hgg}^{\text{SM}}, \quad c_\gamma^{\text{SM}} \equiv \frac{\alpha_e}{8\pi} A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{\text{SM}} \quad (\text{A. Djouadi, Phys.Rpt.457(2008)})$$

- Contributions from VLQs :
 
$$A_{hgg}^{\text{VLQ}} = \sum_F \sum_i y_{hF_i F_i} \frac{v}{M_{F_i}} A_{1/2}(\tau_{F_i}^h),$$

$$A_{h\gamma\gamma}^{\text{VLQ}} = \sum_F \sum_i N_C Q_{F_i}^2 y_{hF_i F_i} \frac{v}{M_{F_i}} A_{1/2}(\tau_{F_i}^h),$$

$$F = \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{D}, i = 1, 2, \tau_j^i = m_i^2 / (4m_j^2)$$

# Effects of VLQ Loops

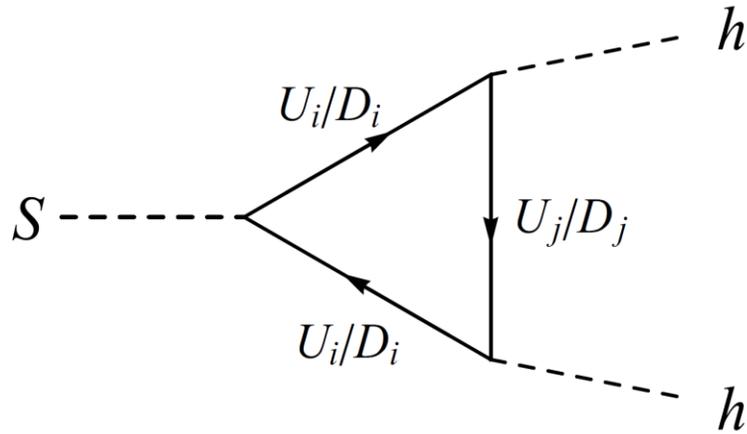
- Contributions to  $\kappa_{g,\gamma}$

$$\kappa_{g,\gamma} = \frac{c_\eta A_{hgg,h\gamma\gamma}^{SM} + s_\eta A_{hgg,h\gamma\gamma}^{VLQ}}{A_{hgg,h\gamma\gamma}^{SM}}$$

- Similar to  $\delta M_{Sh}^2$ ,  $A_{hgg,h\gamma\gamma}^{VLQ}$  are enhanced for large  $|M_{F_1} - M_{F_2}|$ .

# Effects of VLQ Loops

## (2) Radiative decays of $S \rightarrow hh$



$$\Delta_F = M_{F_j} - M_{F_i}$$

Coupling of  $shh$  :  $m_S C$

S-h mixing

$$C = \frac{y_S N_c}{4\pi^2} \sum_F \sum_{i,j} y_{hF_i F_j}^2 \mathcal{C}_T(m_h, m_S, M_{F_i}, M_{F_j}) + \frac{3m_h^2}{vm_S} s_\eta$$

- For  $m_h \ll m_S$  &  $M_{F_1} \approx M_{F_2}$ ,  $\tau = m_S^2 / (4M_F^2)$

$$\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{C}_T = 2 + (1 - 2\tau^{-1})f(\tau) - 2g(\tau) + \left(\frac{\Delta_F^2}{M_F^2}\right) \left[ \frac{8\tau^2 + 49\tau - 48}{12\tau(1-\tau)} + \frac{(\tau^3 + 12\tau^2 - 26\tau + 16)g(\tau)}{4\tau(1-\tau)^2} \right]$$

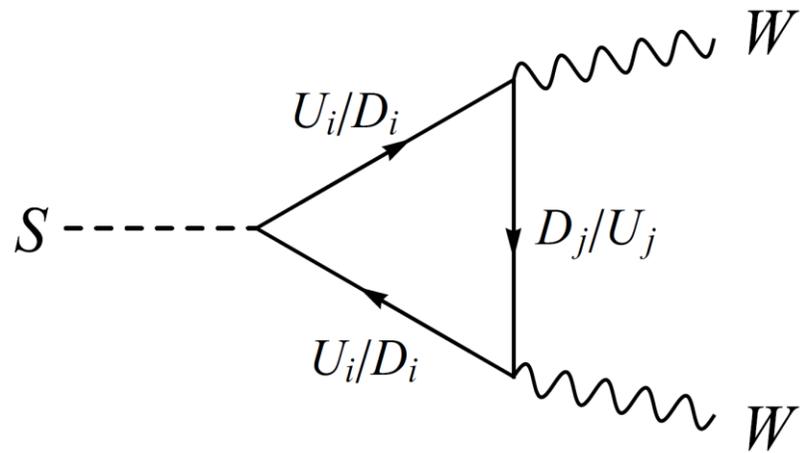
- $C$  is not suppressed by taking large  $m_S$  if  $y_S, Y_{U,D} \sim 1$
- $\Gamma(S \rightarrow hh) (\propto m_S |C|^2)$  increases with  $\Delta_F$

# Effects of VLQ Loops

## (3) Radiative decays of $S \rightarrow VV$

-couplings :  $S(p)V_\mu(p_1)V'_\nu(p_2) : m_S \left[ \mathcal{A} g_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{B} \frac{p_{2\mu}p_{1\nu}}{m_S^2} \right]$

S-h mixing



$$\mathcal{A}_{WW} = \frac{g^2 y_S N_c}{8\pi^2} \sum_{i,j} \left[ \hat{g}_{WU_i D_j}^2 \mathcal{A}_T(m_W, m_S, M_{U_i}, M_{D_j}) + \{U \leftrightarrow D\} \right] + \frac{2m_W^2}{vm_S} s_\eta$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{WW} = \frac{g^2 y_S N_c}{8\pi^2} \sum_{i,j} \left[ \hat{g}_{WU_i D_j}^2 \mathcal{B}_T(m_W, m_S, M_{U_i}, M_{D_j}) + \{U \leftrightarrow D\} \right],$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{ZZ} = \frac{g_Z^2 y_S N_c}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i,j} \left[ \hat{g}_{ZU_i U_j}^2 \mathcal{A}_T(m_Z, m_S, M_{U_i}, M_{U_j}) + \{U \leftrightarrow D\} \right] + \frac{2m_Z^2}{vm_S} s_\eta,$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{ZZ} = \frac{g_Z^2 y_S N_c}{4\pi^2} \sum_{i,j} \left[ \hat{g}_{ZU_i U_j}^2 \mathcal{B}_T(m_Z, m_S, M_{U_i}, M_{U_j}) + \{U \leftrightarrow D\} \right],$$

# Effects of VLQ Loops

## (3) Radiative decays of $S \rightarrow VV$

- For  $m_V \ll m_S$  &  $M_{F_1} \approx M_{F_2}$ ,

$$\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{A}_T = 1 + (1 - \tau^{-1})f(\tau) + \left(\frac{\Delta_F^2}{M^2}\right) \left[ -\frac{1}{4} + \frac{(3\tau - 4)f(\tau)}{4\tau^2} + \frac{(\tau^2 + 4\tau - 8)g(\tau)}{4\tau(\tau - 1)} \right]$$
$$\sqrt{\tau} \mathcal{B}_T = -2 - 2(1 - \tau^{-1})f(\tau) + \left(\frac{\Delta_F^2}{M^2}\right) \left[ \frac{5}{2} + \frac{(8 - 5\tau)f(\tau)}{2\tau^2} - \frac{(\tau^2 + 12\tau - 16)g(\tau)}{2\tau(\tau - 1)} \right]$$

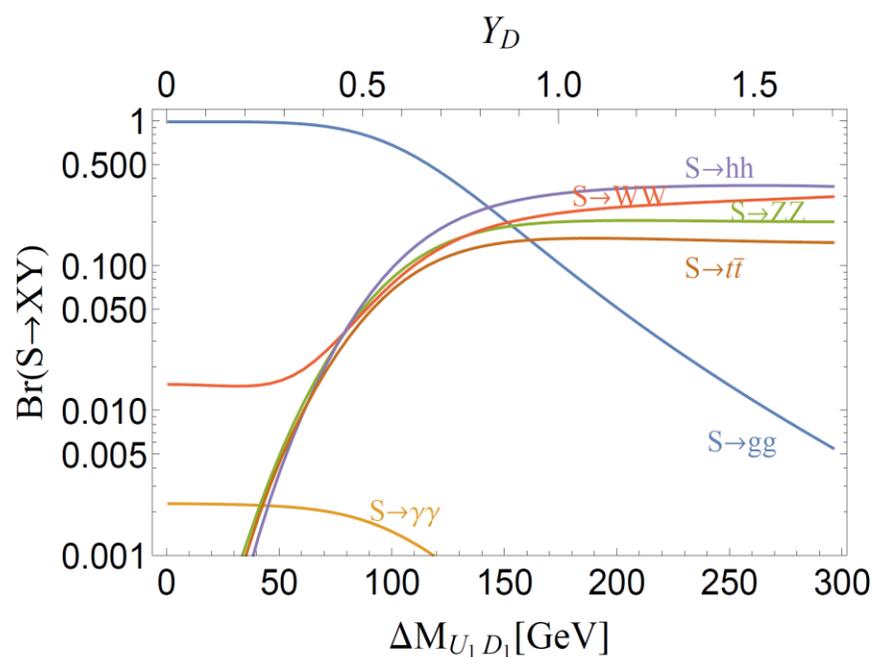
- Sizable mass difference of VLQs are crucial to generate & to enhance the radiative decays of S into VV.
- Yukawa couplings of VLQs with SM higgs are crucial to obtain sizable mass difference of VLQs.

# Numerical Results

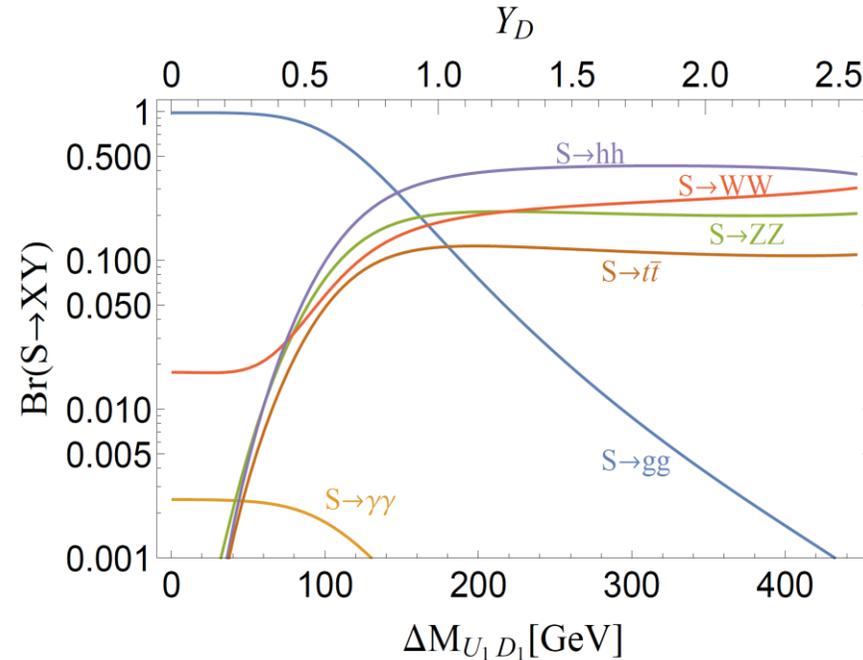
- model parameters in the analysis :  $y_S, m_S, Y_{U/D}, M_Q, M_U, M_D$
- Consider a simple benchmark parameter space :

$$M_Q = M_U = M_D, \quad Y_U = 0, \quad Y_D \text{ varies}$$

- Branching ratios of radiative decay of S



(a)  $m_S = 500$  GeV



(b)  $m_S = 750$  GeV

$$M_{D_1} = 0.6 m_S$$

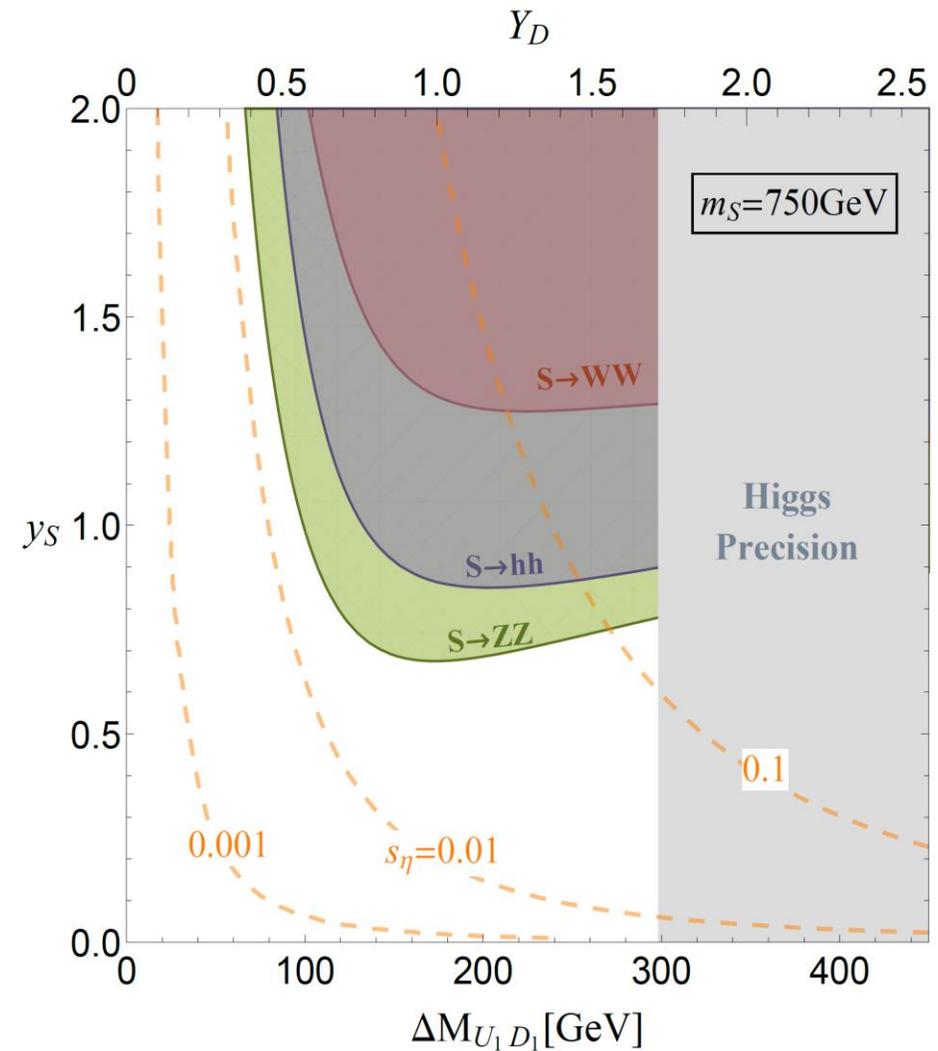
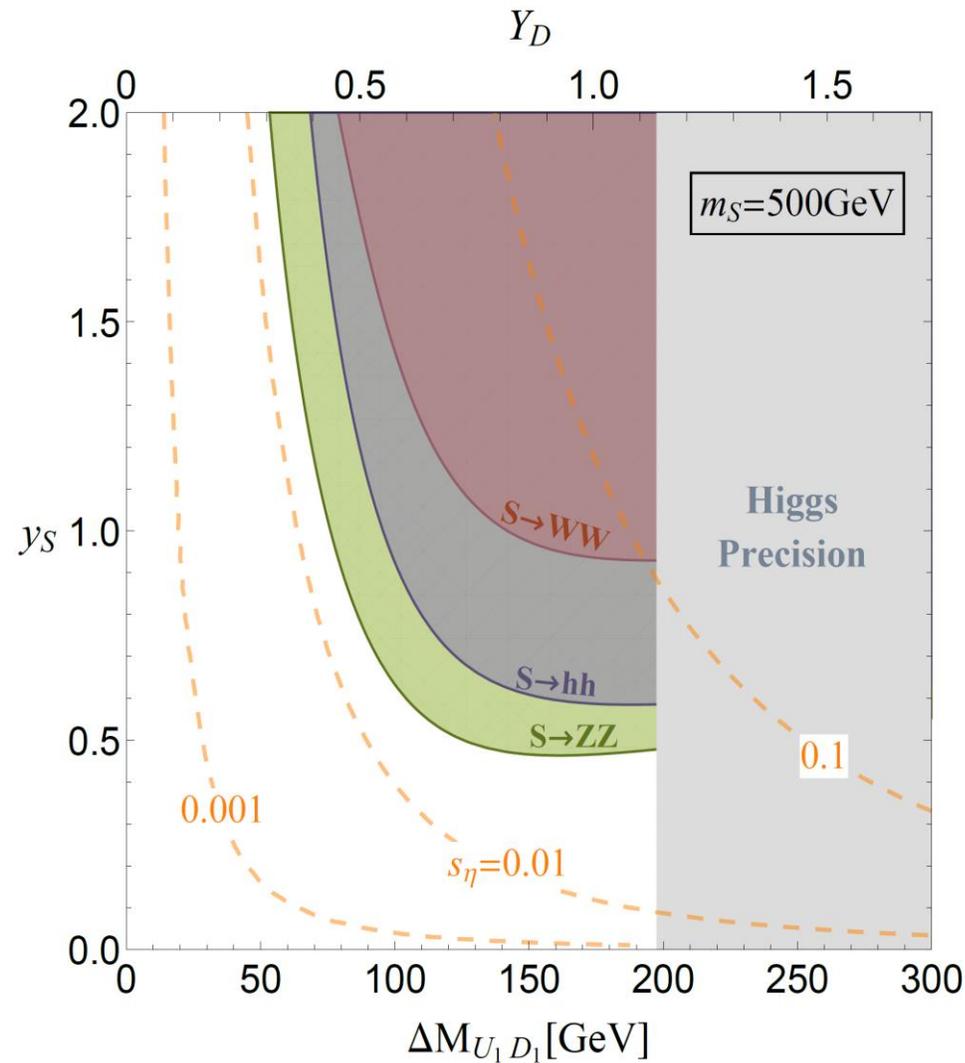
$$\Delta M_{U_1 D_1} \sim Y_D v$$

# Numerical Results

- Exclusion region in  $(\Delta M_{U_1 D_1}, y_S)$ 
  - we impose Higgs precision data : (ATLAS & CMS, '15)  
 $\kappa_V = 0.97 \pm 0.06$   $\kappa_g = 0.81^{+0.13}_{-0.10}$   $\kappa_\gamma = 0.90^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$   
 $\kappa_\tau = 0.87^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$ ,  $\kappa_b = 0.57^{+0.16}_{-0.16}$
  - For the heavy scalar search with  $m_S = 500(750)$  GeV, the observed 95 %CL upper bounds on  $\sigma B$  at 8 TeV are  
WW: 200(40) fb / ZZ: 43(12) fb / hh: 107.6(34) fb.
  - Consider heavy scalar search channels of dijet and  $W(Z)\gamma$

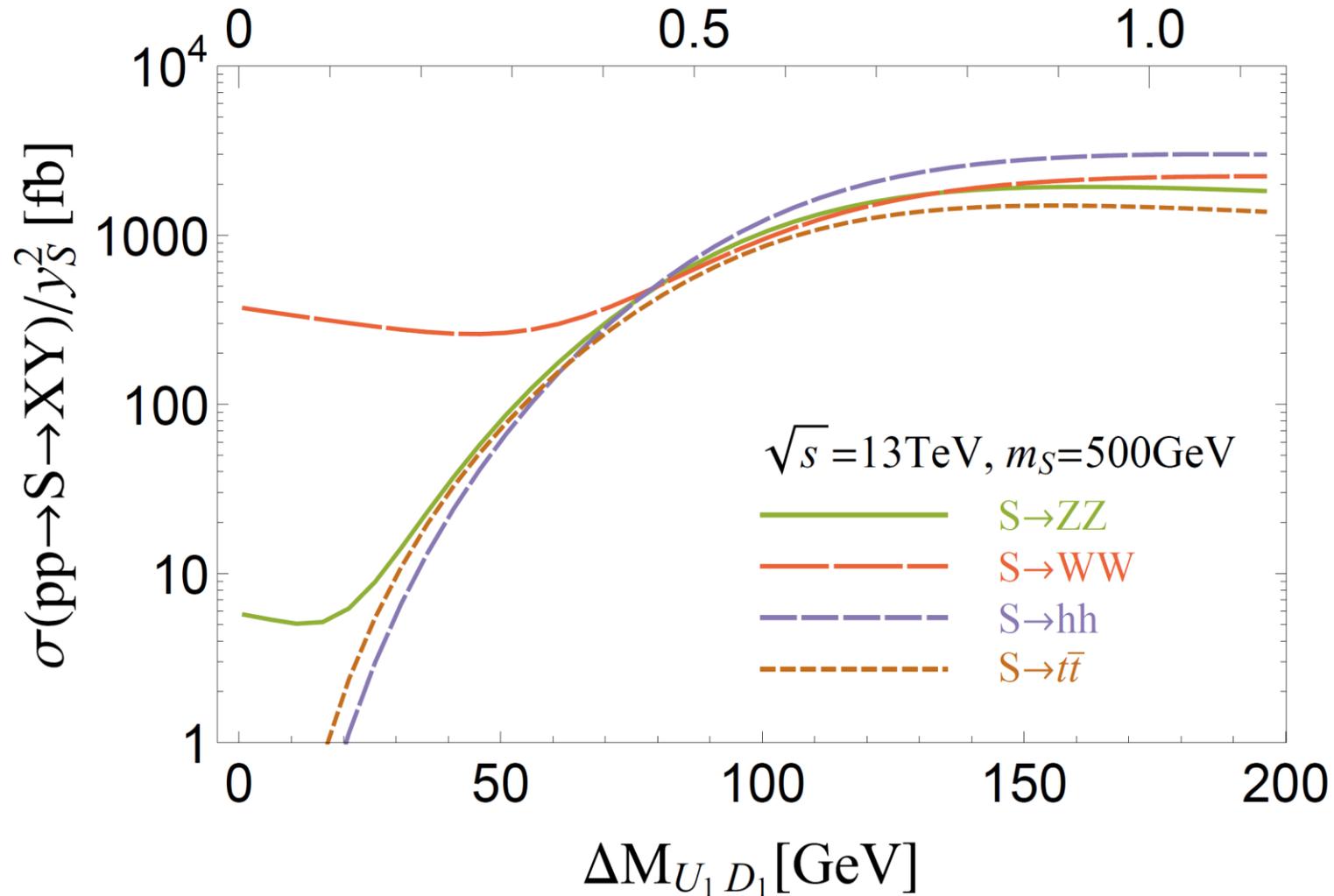
# Numerical Results

- Exclusion region in  $(\Delta M_{U_1 D_1}, y_S)$



# Numerical Results

- Cross sections of production and decay of S



# Conclusion

- We have investigated possible new signals for a heavy scalar boson generated only through loop effects, which are so significant to be useful in the search for a new heavy scalar in a simple extension of the SM with a singlet  $S$  and VLQs.
- We have shown that the mixing between  $S$  and  $h$  can be radiatively generated, and the radiative decays of  $S$  generated via the  $S - h$  mixing & triangle VLQs loops can be enhanced.
- We found that the most required condition for enhancing the  $S - h$  mixing as well as the radiative decays of  $S$  into  $WW, ZZ$  and  $hh$  is the sizable mass difference of VLQs.
- The persistent searches for a heavy scalar at the future LHC are of importance in constraining new particles that appear at loop level.



# Introduction

- **When a scalar boson is heavy enough**, its decay into a massive gauge boson pair has a special feature.
- In the SM, the partial decay rate of  $h_{SM} \rightarrow V_L V_L$  is proportional to  $m_h^3/v^2$ , while that of  $h_{SM} \rightarrow V_T V_T$  is proportional to  $\frac{v^2}{m_h}$ .
- The heavier higgs boson is, the more dominant  $h_{SM} \rightarrow V_L V_L$  will become.  $\rightarrow$  **longitudinal polarization enhancement**
- **We wonder whether the same thing happens when a new heavy scalar boson decays only radiatively.**
- To answer this question, we consider a simple extension of the SM where a singlet scalar and vector-like quarks are introduced.

# Model

- Mass eigenvalues & mixing angles

$$M_{F_1, F_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ M_Q + M_F \mp \sqrt{(M_F - M_Q)^2 + 2Y_F^2 v^2} \right]$$

$$s_{2\theta_F} = \frac{\sqrt{2}Y_F v}{M_{F_2} - M_{F_1}},$$

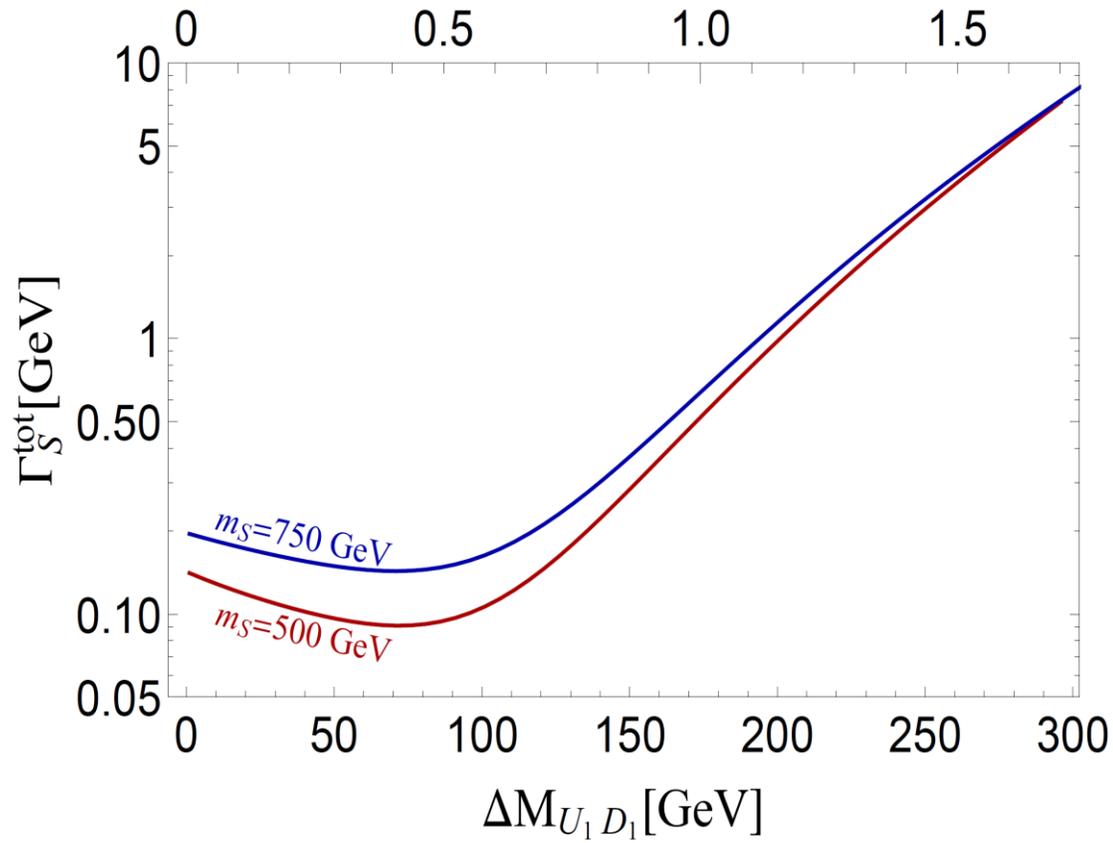
- Gauge interactions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gauge}} = eA_\mu \left\{ \begin{aligned} \hat{g}_{ZF_1 F_1} &= \bar{g}_Q^v c_{\theta_F}^2 + \bar{g}_F^v s_{\theta_F}^2, & \hat{g}_{ZF_2 F_2} &= \bar{g}_Q^v s_{\theta_F}^2 + \bar{g}_F^v c_{\theta_F}^2, \\ \hat{g}_{ZF_1 F_2} &= (\bar{g}_Q^v - \bar{g}_F^v) s_{\theta_F} c_{\theta_F}, \\ + \frac{1}{v} \hat{g}_{WU_1 D_1} &= c_{\theta_U} c_{\theta_D}, & \hat{g}_{WU_1 D_2} &= c_{\theta_U} s_{\theta_D}, \\ \hat{g}_{WU_2 D_1} &= s_{\theta_U} c_{\theta_D}, & \hat{g}_{WU_2 D_2} &= s_{\theta_U} s_{\theta_D}, \end{aligned} \right.$$

$\bar{g}_F^v = \frac{1}{2}T_3^F - s_W^2 Q_F$  for  $F = Q, U, D$ .

# Numerical Results

- Total decay rate of S



- For  $0 < \Delta M_{U_1 D_1} < 75 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Gamma_S^{tot}$  decreases as  $\Delta M_{U_1 D_1}$  increases
- For  $\Delta M_{U_1 D_1} > 75 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\Gamma_S^{tot}$  increases with  $\Delta M_{U_1 D_1}$

We consider a  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{PC}} = 0^{++}$  scalar particle  $S$  which has a mass  $m_S$  and a momentum  $p^\mu$ . In the CP-conserving framework, the most general coupling of  $S$  to a pair of gauge bosons and that to a pair of the Higgs bosons can be parameterized by

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(p)V_\mu(p_1)V'_\nu(p_2) &: m_S \left[ \mathcal{A} g_{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{B} \frac{p_{2\mu}p_{1\nu}}{m_S^2} \right], \\
 Shh &: m_S \mathcal{C},
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  are dimensionless.

We write the helicity amplitudes for the decay  $S \rightarrow VV'$  as

$$\langle V_\mu(p_1, \lambda_1)V'_\nu(p_2, \lambda_2)|S(P)\rangle \equiv m_S \mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1\lambda_2},
 \tag{2.2}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{++} = \mathcal{T}_{--} = -\mathcal{A},$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{00} = \begin{cases} \frac{m_S^2}{4m_V^2} (2\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}) - (\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}), & \text{if } m_V \equiv m_{V_1} = m_{V_2} \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } m_{V_1} = 0 \text{ or } m_{V_2} = 0, \end{cases}$$

and the other helicity amplitudes are zero. The partial decay rates are

$$\Gamma(S \rightarrow VV') = \frac{1}{S} \frac{\beta_{VV'}}{16\pi} m_S \sum_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} |\mathcal{T}_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}|^2,$$

$$\Gamma(S \rightarrow hh) = \frac{\beta_{hh}}{32\pi} m_S |\mathcal{C}|^2,$$

When a scalar particle is heavy enough, its decay into a massive gauge boson pair  $VV$  ( $V = W^\pm, Z$ ) has a special feature. The condition  $m_S \gg m_V$  makes  $\mathcal{T}_{00}$  greatly enhanced if  $(2\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}) \neq 0$ . The SM Higgs boson, if its mass is greater than  $2m_V$ , has

$$\mathcal{A}^{h_{\text{SM}}} = \frac{2m_V^2}{vm_h}, \quad \mathcal{B}^{h_{\text{SM}}} = 0. \quad (2.5)$$

The partial decay rate of  $h_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow V_L V_L$  is proportional to the cube of  $m_h$  while that of  $h_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow V_T V_T$  is inversely proportional to  $m_h$ . The heavier the Higgs boson is, the more dominant  $h \rightarrow V_L V_L$  will become. Another significant decay rate  $\Gamma(h \rightarrow t\bar{t})$  is linearly proportional to  $m_h$ . The Higgs boson decay into  $V_L V_L$  is dominant in the total decay rate. This is called the longitudinal polarization enhancement.