

## U(1)' models at the LHC

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1. The minimal  $Z'$  model
2. LHC constraints
3. RG and high energy behaviour
4. LHC phenomenology

# The minimal $Z'$ model

- $Z'$  naturally arises from many GUT scenarios such as  $SO(10)$ ,  $E_6$ , L-R, string-theory constructions, KK theories, etc.
- Interesting phenomenology potentially accessible at colliders:  
 $Z'$  usually accompanied by extra degrees of freedom (seesaw can be implemented)
- Possibility to explain baryogenesis through resonant leptogenesis

## ➤ Gauge sector

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)'$$

## ➤ Fermion sector

SM-singlet right-handed neutrinos  $\nu_R$   
required by anomaly cancellation

## ➤ Scalar sector

SM-singlet scalar  $\chi$   
required by SSB of  $U(1)'$   
provides Majorana masses for  $\nu_R$

➤ **New states:**  $Z'$  gauge boson, 3 heavy neutrinos, 1 real scalar

➤ **New parameters:**  
 $g'_1, \tilde{g}, M_{Z'}, \alpha, m_{H2}, m_{\nu_h}$

# The minimal $Z'$ model: *a comment on the kinetic mixing*

- The most general Lagrangian allowed by gauge invariance admits a *kinetic mixing* between the two abelian field strengths

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}F'^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa}{2}F^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{even if absent at tree-level it can be reintroduced by radiative corrections}$$

- The kinetic Lagrangian can be recast into a diagonal form thus introducing a non-diagonal covariant derivative

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_1 Y B_\mu + i(\tilde{g} Y + g'_1 Y_{B-L})B'_\mu + \dots$$

*an additional abelian gauge factor can always be described by a linear combination of the hypercharge and of the B-L quantum number*

- We can explore an entire class of minimal Abelian models through the ratio of the gauge couplings  $\tilde{g}/g'_1$

- Typical benchmark models:

$$g'_1 = 0 : \text{sequential SM}$$

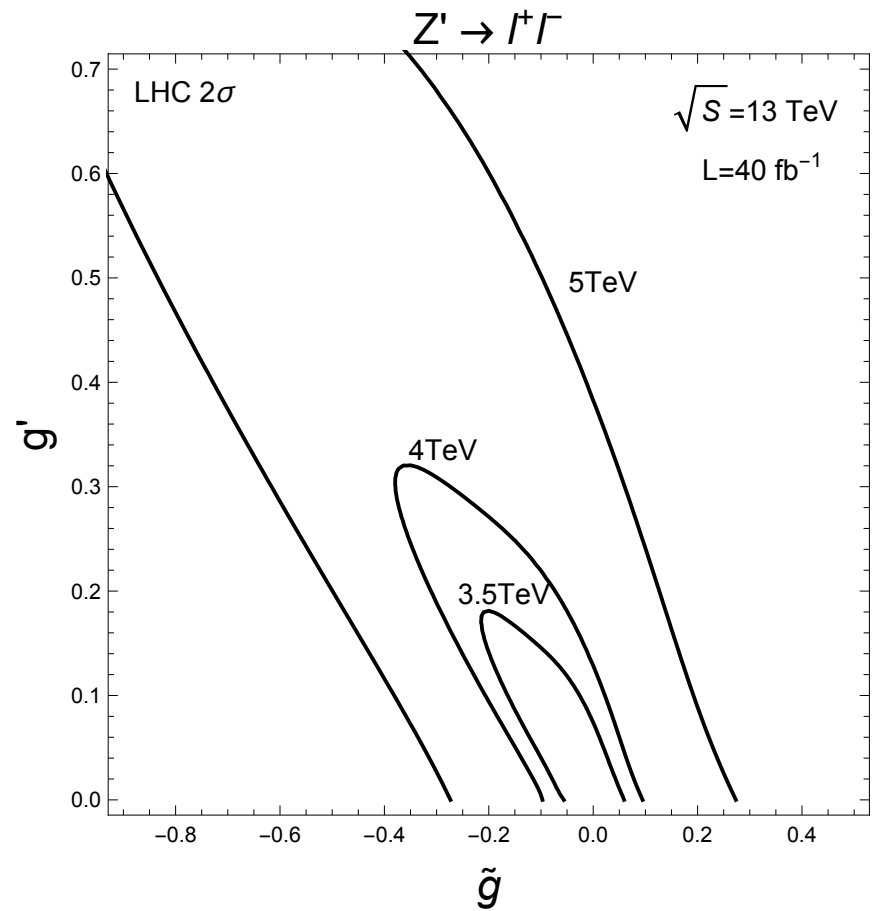
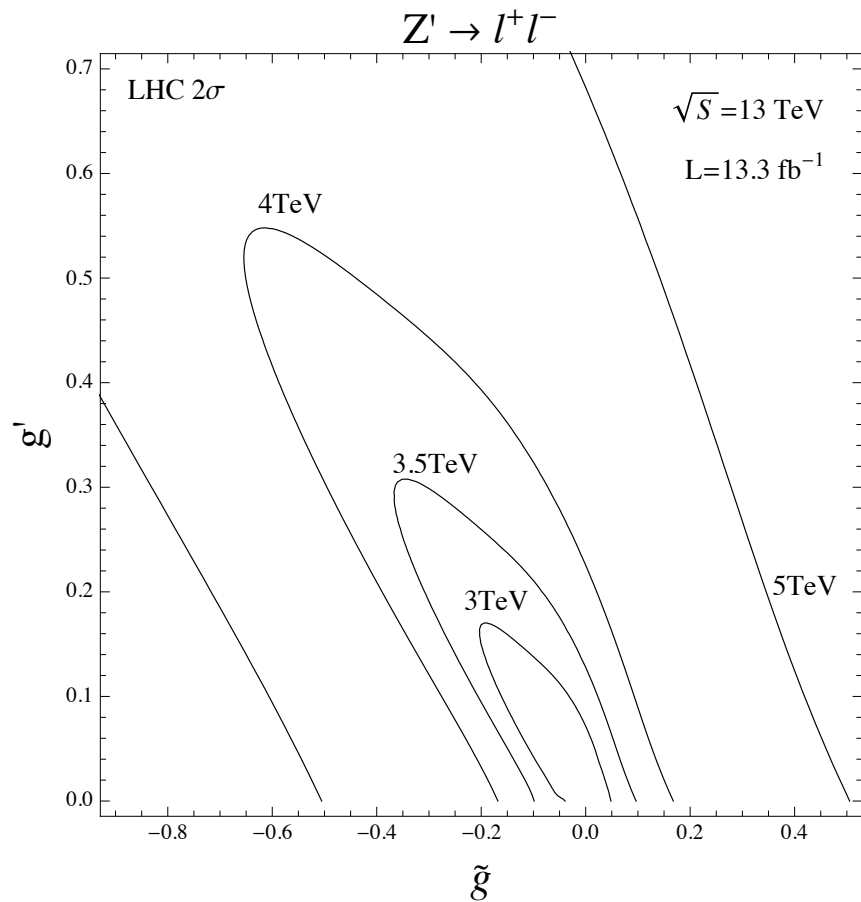
$$\tilde{g} = 0 : \text{pure B-L}$$

$$\tilde{g} = -2g'_1 : \text{U}(1)_R$$

$$\tilde{g} = -4/5g'_1 : \text{U}(1)_X \text{ from SO}(10)$$

# Constraints from LHC searches

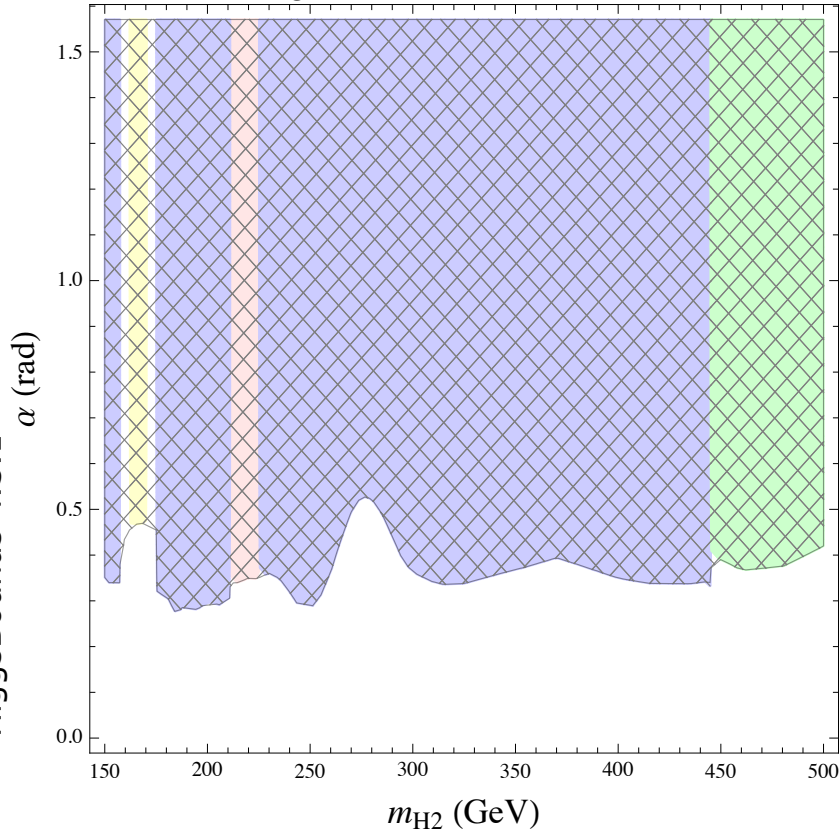
$2\sigma$  significance contour levels in the  $\tilde{g} - g'_1$  space



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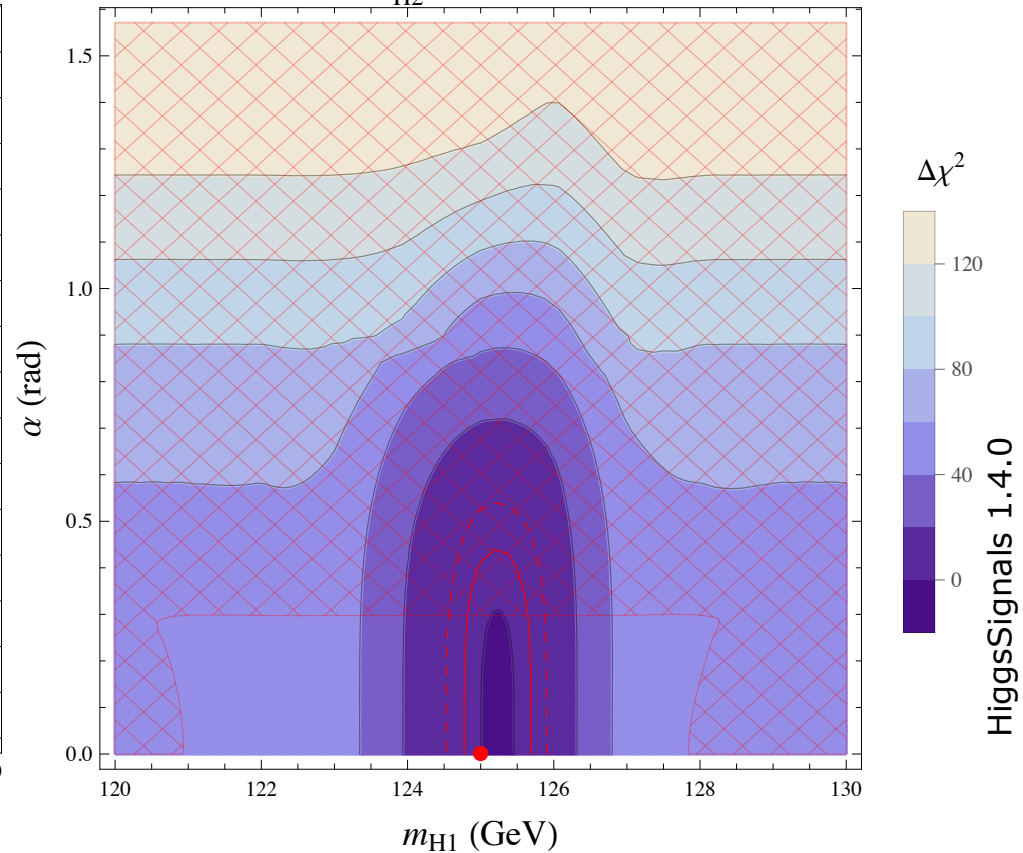
The extended scalar sector is strongly constrained by Higgs searches at the LHC

Exclusion region @ 95% CL –  $m_{H1} = 125.09$  GeV



- *full leptonic decay of two Z*
- *full leptonic decay of two W*
- *full and semi leptonic decay of ZZ and WW*
- *combined search in  $\gamma\gamma$ , ZZ, WW,  $\tau\tau$ ,  $bb$*

$m_{H2} = 200$  GeV



$\chi^2$  compatibility fit with the Higgs signal measurements

# Renormalisation group evolution

establish a direct connection between accessible EW scale spectra  
and a potential underlying GUT structure



along the RG evolution we require:

*perturbativity of the couplings*

*stability of the vacuum*

*unification (work in progress)*

- delineate the viable parameter space from both a *phenomenological perspective* and its *theoretical consistency*
- ultimately direct experimental investigations towards key analyses enabling one to make an assessment of the high energy structure of the model

# Renormalisation group evolution

Some technical details:

	$\beta$ functions	matching conditions
LO	one loop	tree level
NLO	two loop	one loop
NNLO	three loop	two loop

- A complete NNLO analysis is only available for the SM
- NLO analysis can be implemented for a general QFT
  - 2L  $\beta$  functions are known
  - 1L matching conditions must be computed for each model

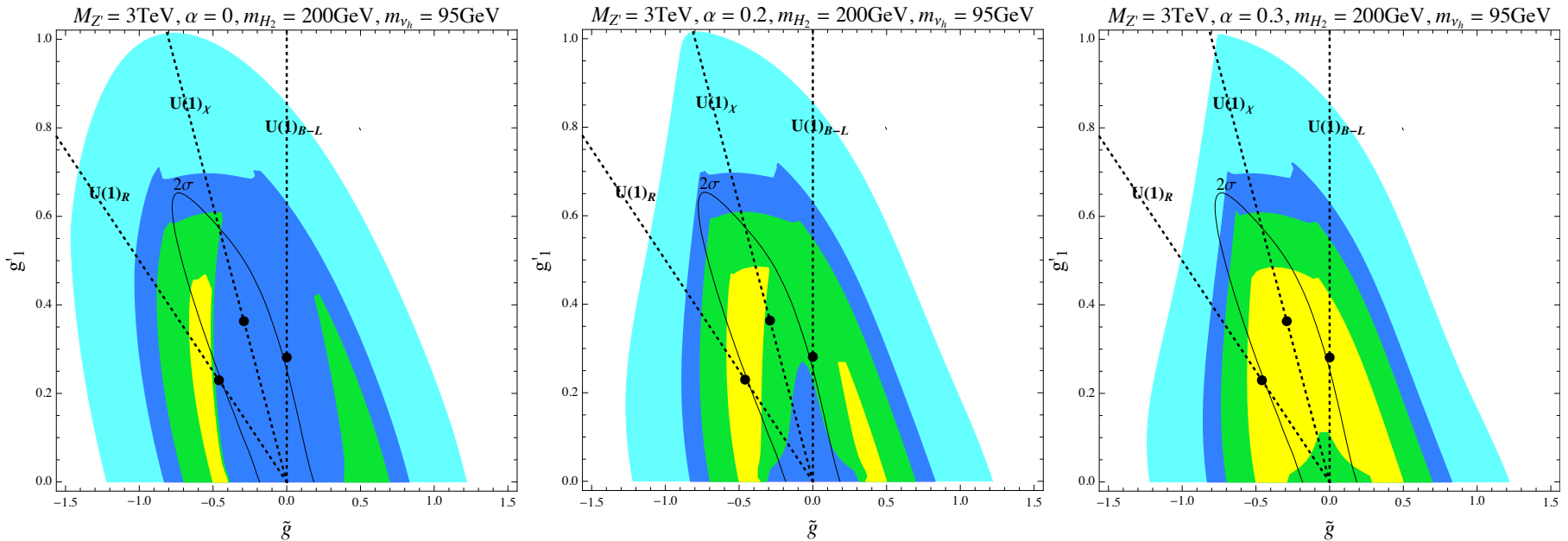
*Matching conditions* provide the initial value of the running couplings computed in the  $\overline{MS}$  renormalisation scheme as a function of the physical on-shell parameters

$$\alpha_{\overline{MS}} = \alpha_{OS} + \delta \alpha_{OS} \Big|_{fin}$$



# High energy behaviour

Perturbativity of the couplings and stability of the vacuum and in the  $\tilde{g} - g'_1$  space



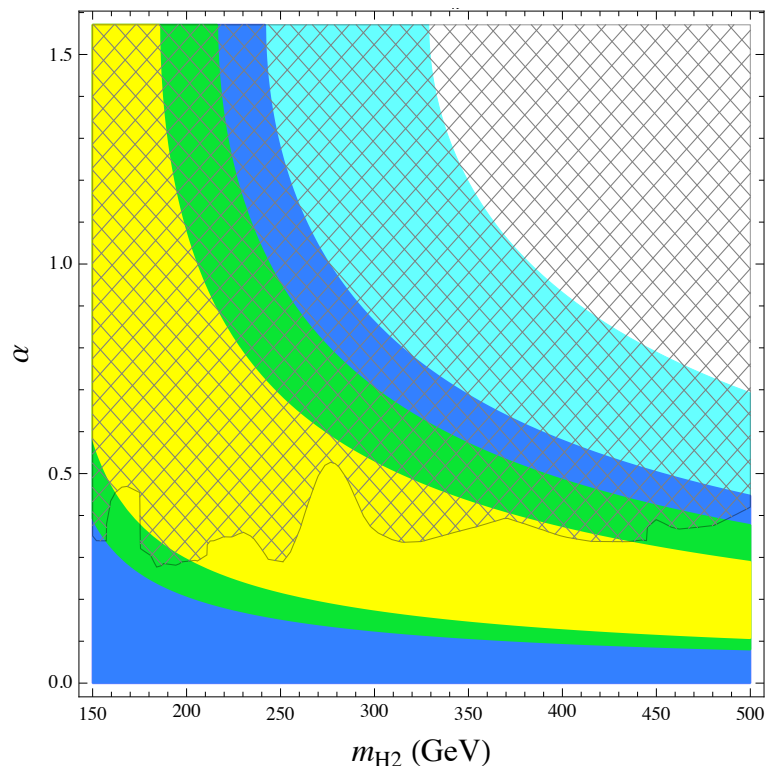
- $10^5 \text{ GeV} < Q_{\text{max}} < 10^8 \text{ GeV}$
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Black dots represent some benchmark models  
 $(U(1)_R, U(1)_X, U(1)_{B-L})$   
 usually addressed in the literature

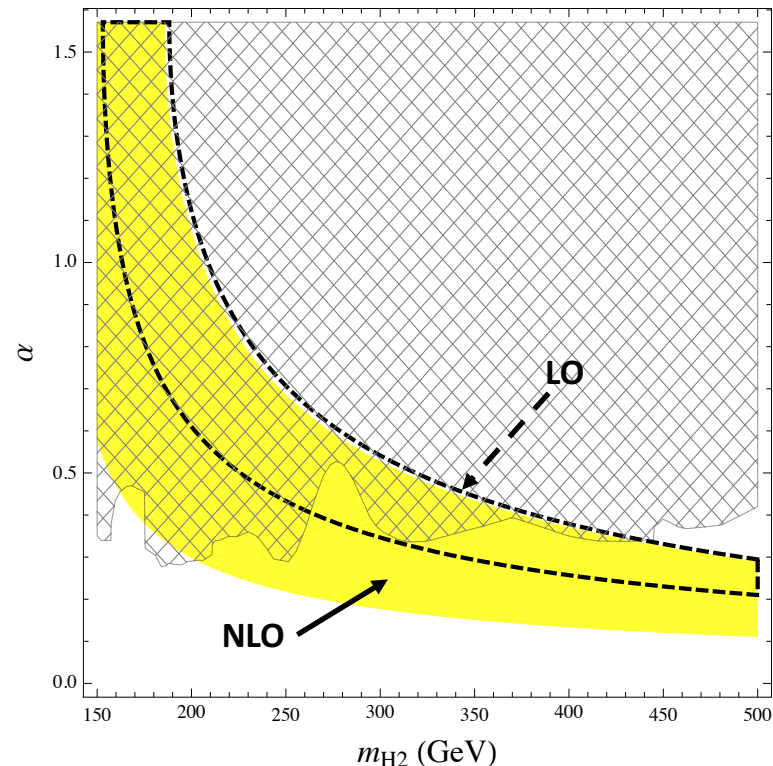
- The destabilising effect of heavy neutrinos is suppressed
- Stability improves as  $\alpha$  moves away from zero

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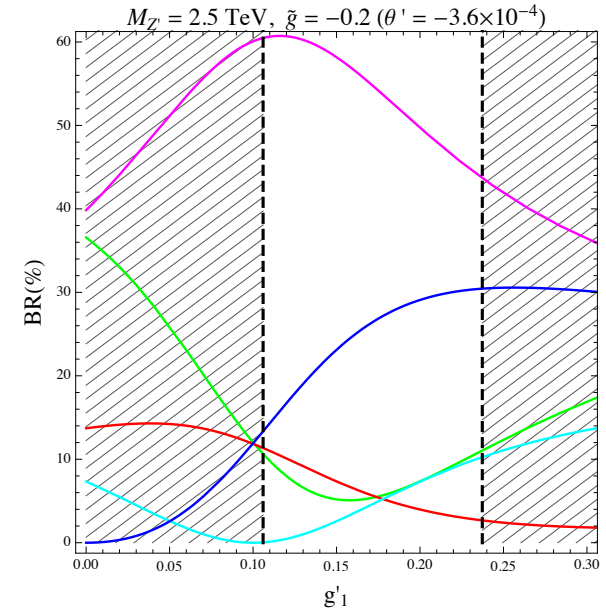
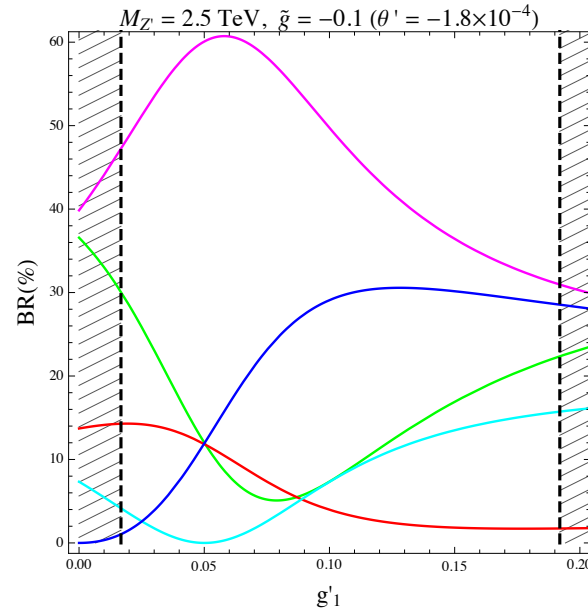
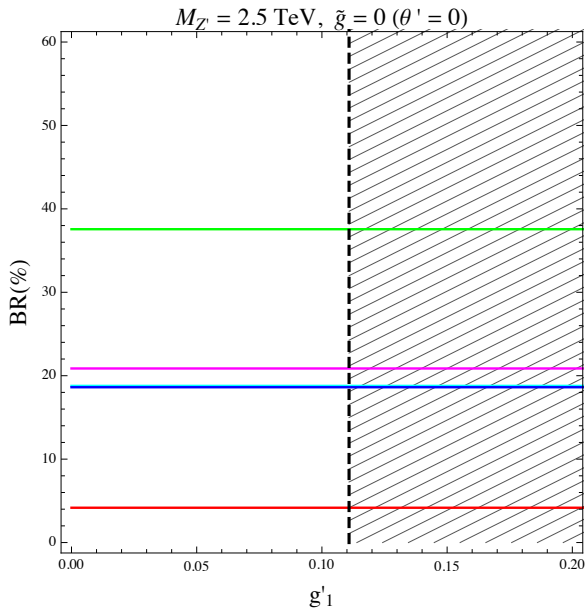
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*Comparison between NLO (yellow region) and LO (region in dashed line) results*

# Z' decays

## Z' branching ratios



in the pure B-L  
charged lep. decay is preferred

The decay mode hierarchy is drastically changed when  $\tilde{g} \neq 0$

- $Z' \rightarrow \text{charged leptons}$
- $Z' \rightarrow \text{light neutrinos}$
- $Z' \rightarrow \text{light quarks}$
- $Z' \rightarrow \text{top quarks}$
- $Z' \rightarrow \text{heavy neutrinos}$

$g'_1 = 0$  recovers the SSM limit

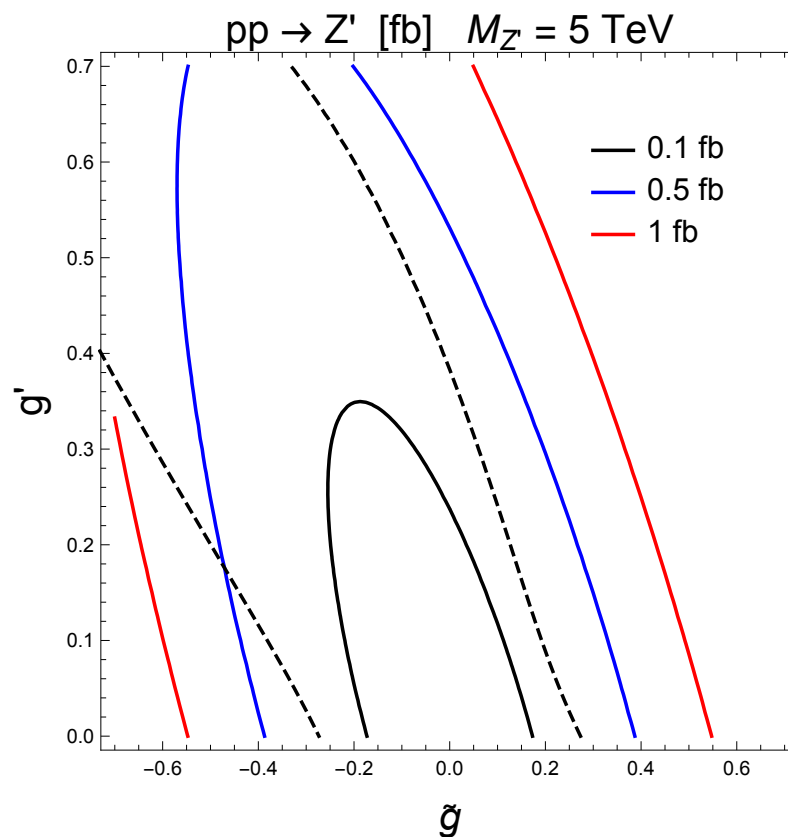
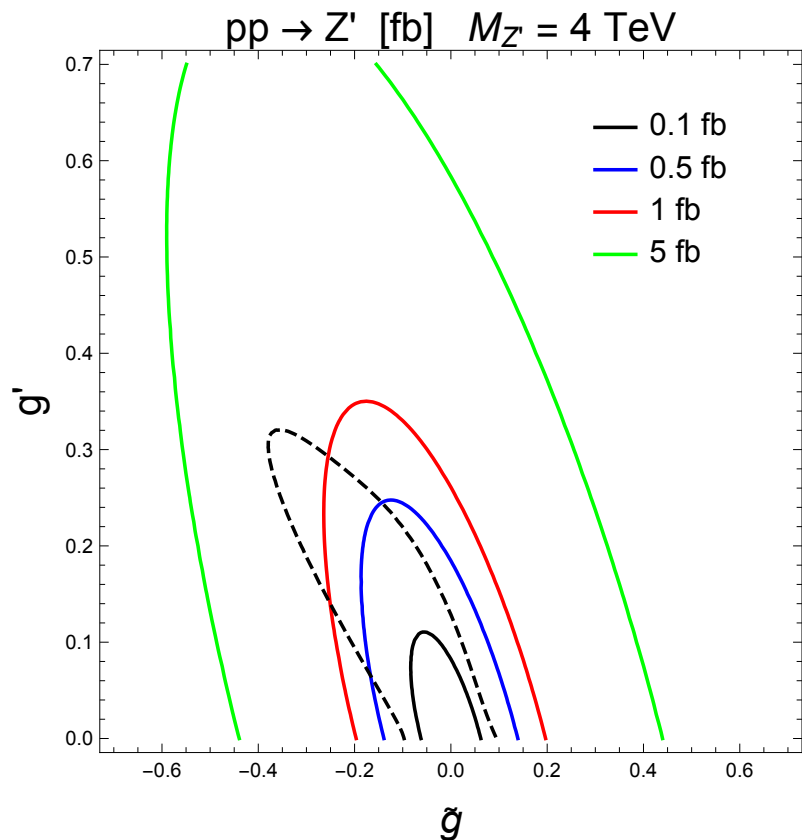
$\tilde{g} \neq 0$  opens new  $Z'$  decay channels

BR  $\sim 2\%$  each

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z' \rightarrow WW \\ Z' \rightarrow Z H_1 \\ Z' \rightarrow Z H_2 \end{array} \right.$$

# Z' production

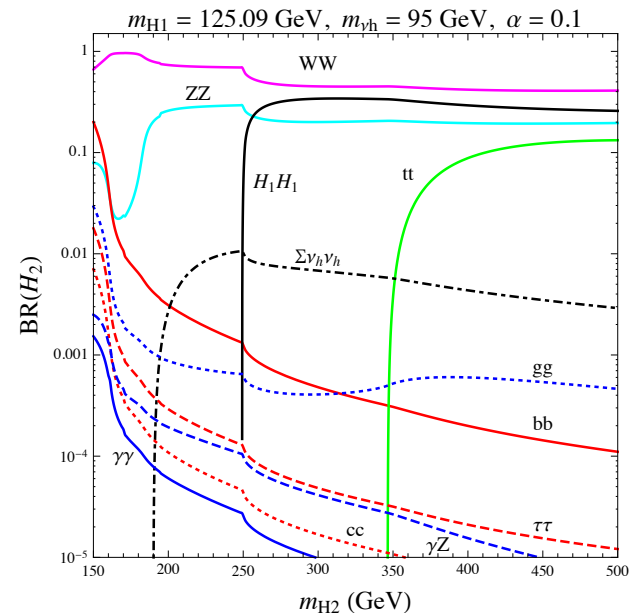
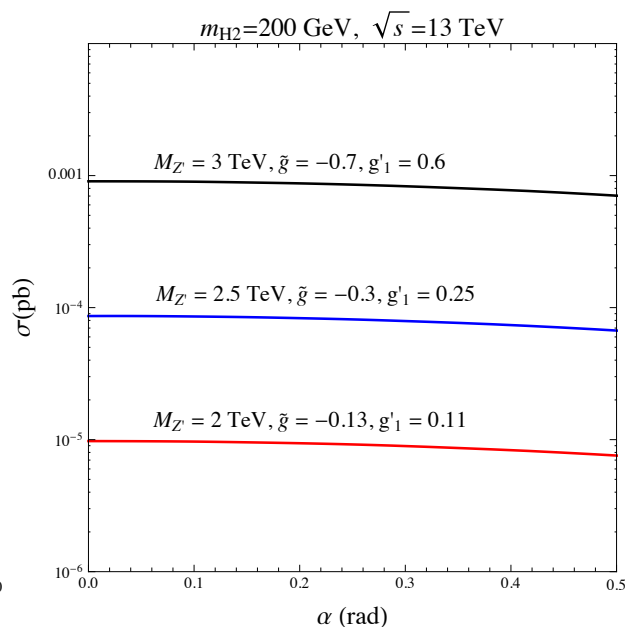
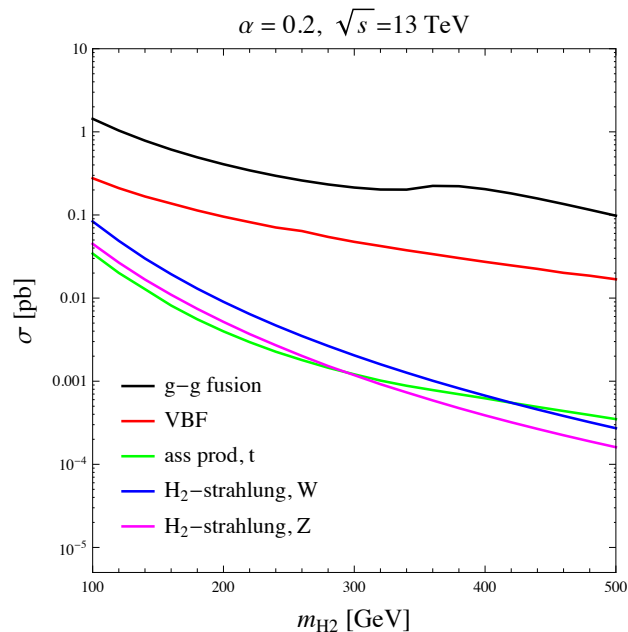
Z' on-shell production cross section at the LHC (13TeV)



Dashed lines:  $2\sigma$  significance contour levels from DY at 13 TeV and  $L = 40/\text{fb}$

# Heavy Higgs production and decay

(LHC 13 TeV)



*Standard production mechanisms*

$q\bar{q} \rightarrow Z'^* \rightarrow Z' H_2$   
*low  $\sigma$  but it is the only accessible channel for  $\alpha = 0$*

- $H_2$  couplings to SM particles are rescaled by  $\sin \alpha$  with respect to the SM Higgs
- Gluon fusion is the main production mode:  $\sigma(M_{H_2}, \alpha) \sim (\sin \alpha)^2 \sigma_{SM}(M_{H_2})$
- New decay channels:  $H_2 \rightarrow \nu_h \nu_h, H_2 \rightarrow H_1 H_1$

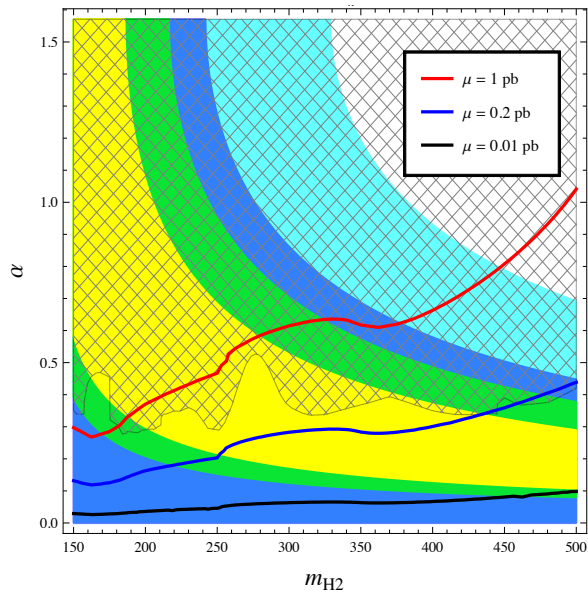
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- Favoured discovery channels
 

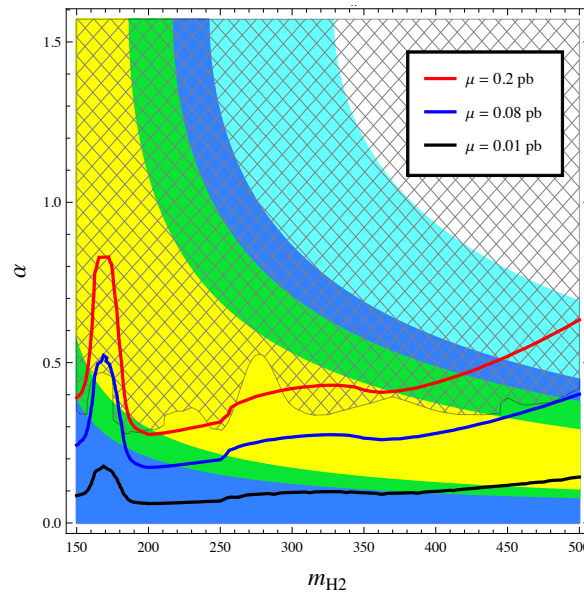
{	$pp \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow WW$	$\sigma$ up to $\sim 200 \text{ fb} - 1 \text{ pb}$
	$pp \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow ZZ$	$\sigma$ up to $\sim 200 \text{ fb}$
	$pp \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow t\bar{t}$	$\sigma$ up to $\sim 50 \text{ fb}$

$\sigma \times \text{BR}$  contour level in the  $m_{H_2} - \alpha$  space (LHC 13 TeV)

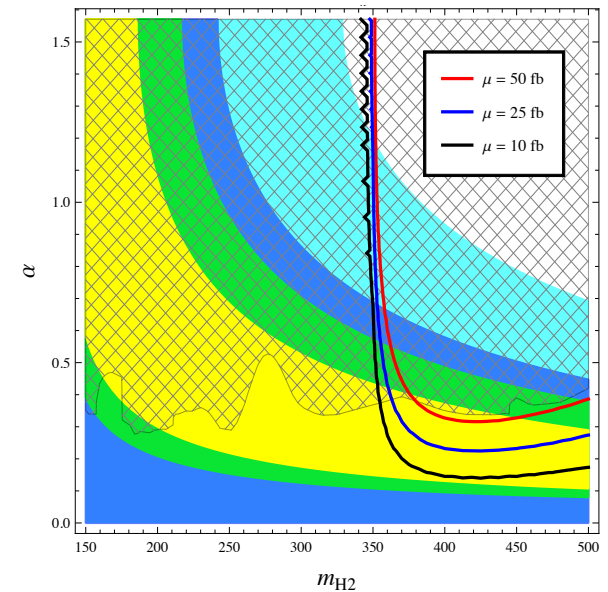
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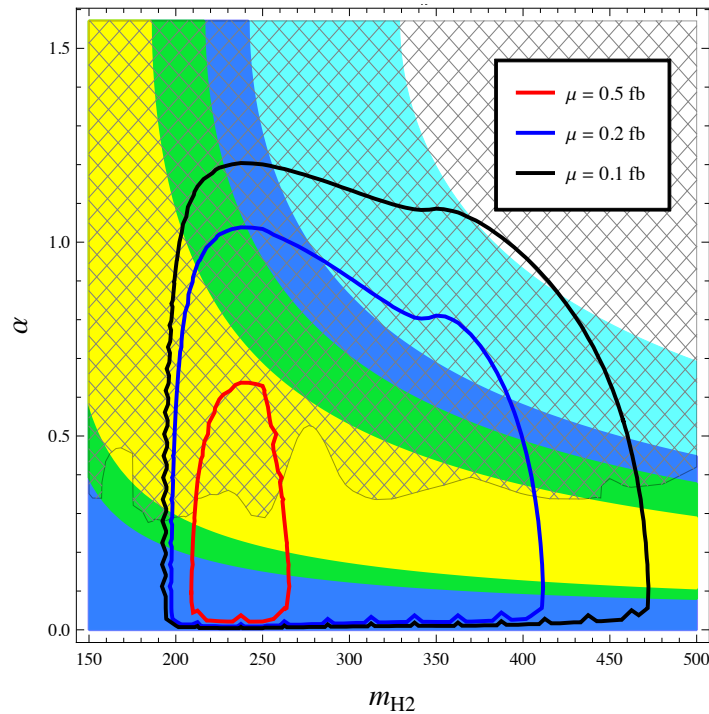
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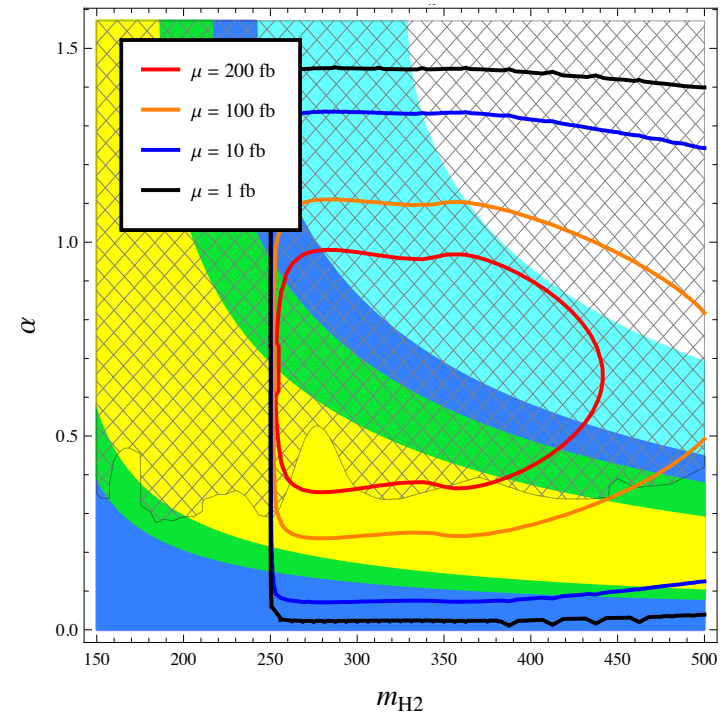
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this channel represents a peculiar feature of this minimal class of  $Z'$  models

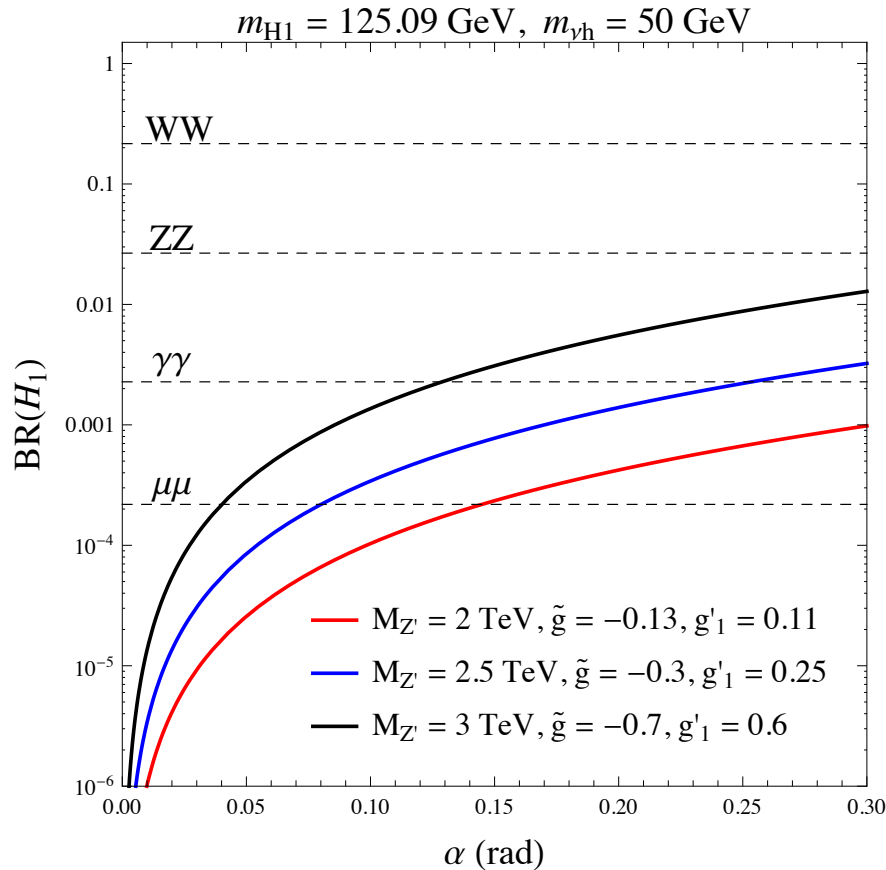
$$pp \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow H_1 H_1$$



*interesting cross section*

# SM-like Higgs new decay channel

When  $m_{H_1} > 2m_{\nu_h}$  a new decay channel becomes accessible  $H_1 \rightarrow \nu_h \nu_h$



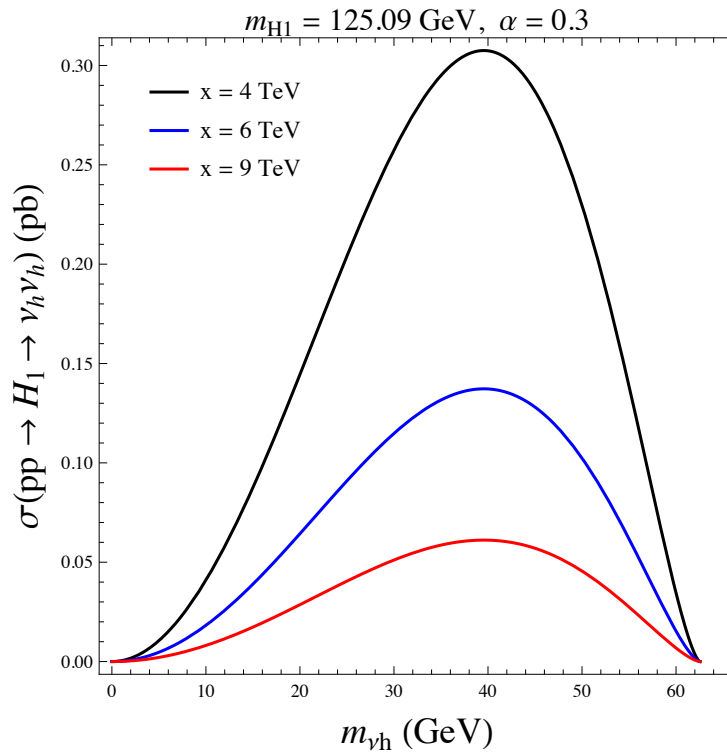
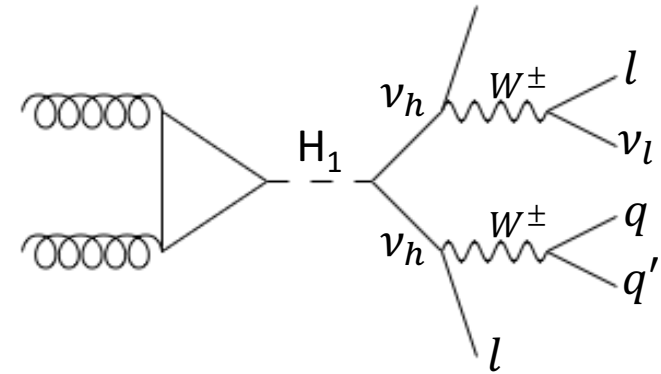
BR spans from 0.1% to 1%

$$H_1 \nu_h \nu_h \sim (\sin \alpha) \frac{m_{\nu_h}}{x} \sim (\sin \alpha) \frac{m_{\nu_h}}{M_{Z'}} g'_1$$



# Heavy neutrino production processes

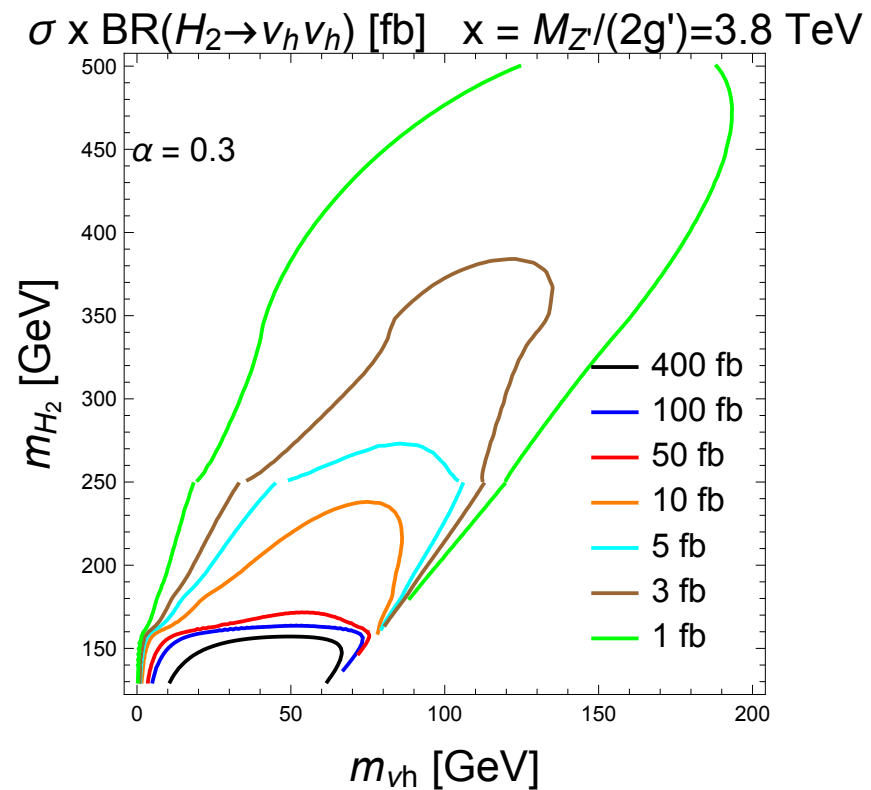
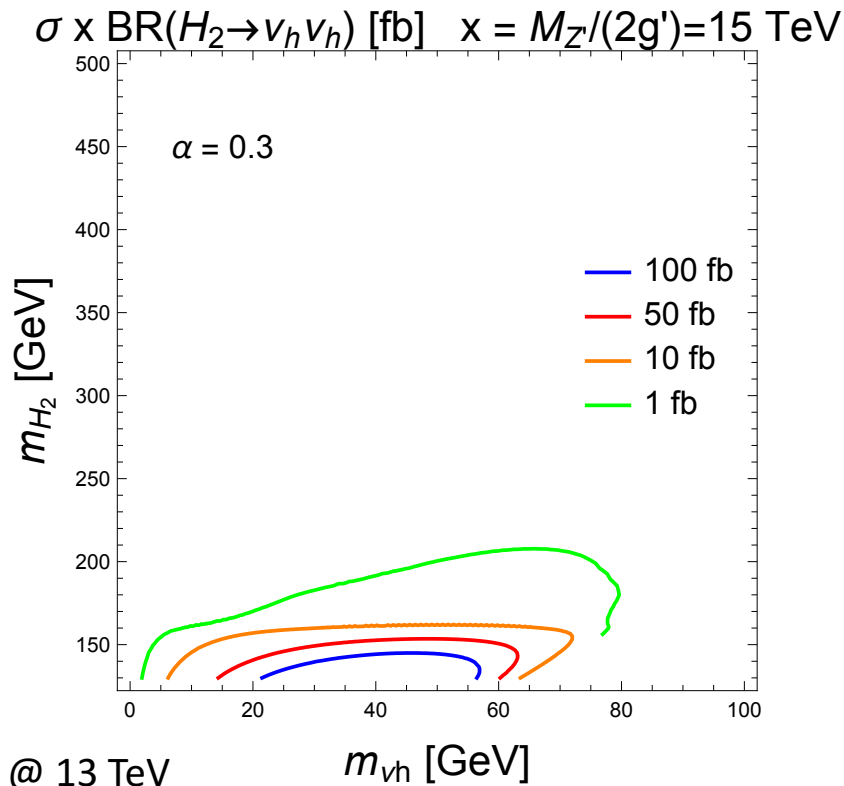
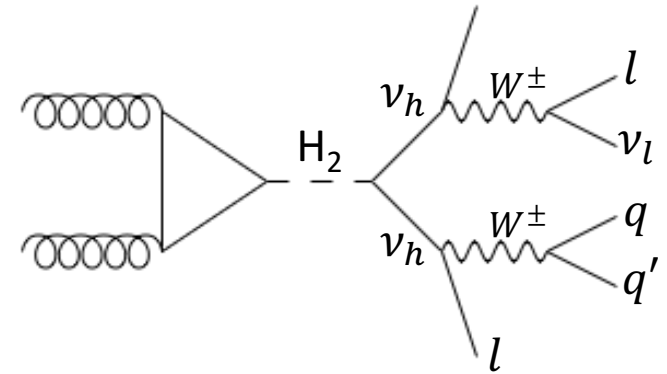
1. Heavy neutrino production from the **SM-like Higgs**
2. Heavy neutrino production from the **Heavy Higgs**
3. Heavy neutrino production from the **Z'**



*Heavy neutrinos with  $m_{\nu_h} < m_{H_1}/2$  are long-lived and may appear as displaced vertices in the detectors*

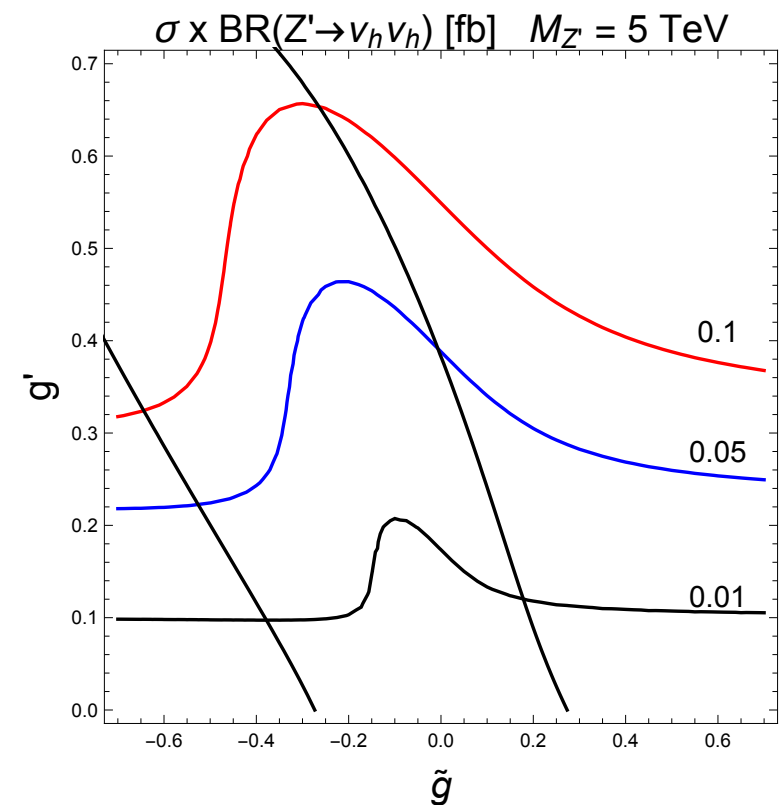
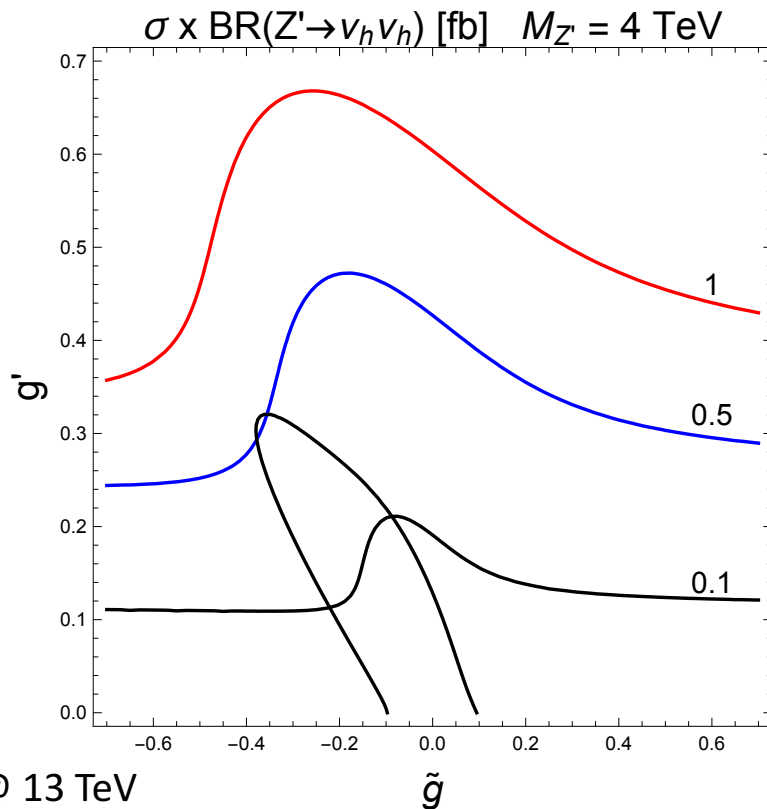
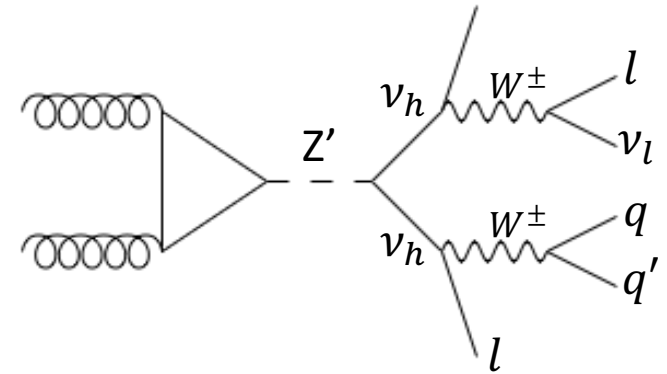
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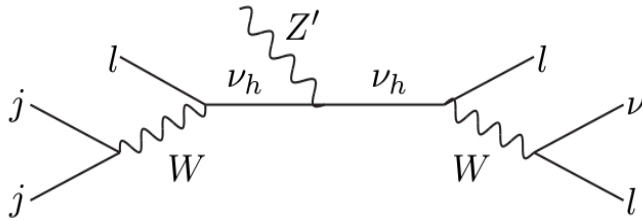
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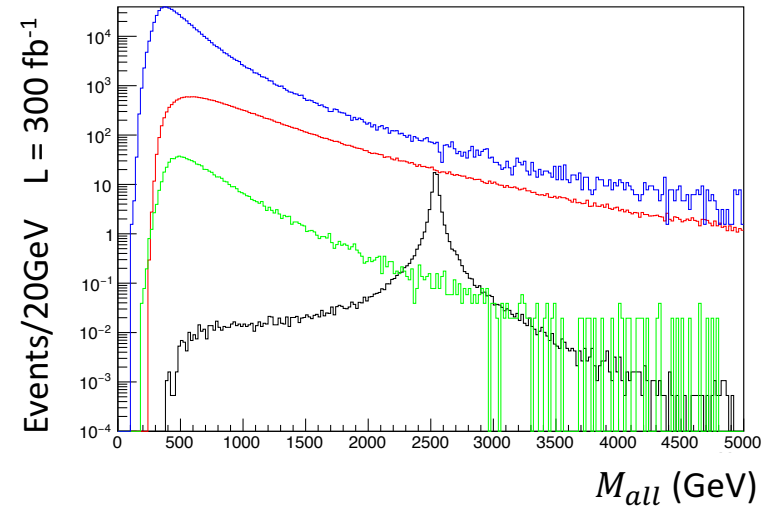


# Z' signatures

$$Z' \rightarrow \nu_h \nu_h \rightarrow 3l + 2j + E_{Tmiss} (1 \nu_l)$$



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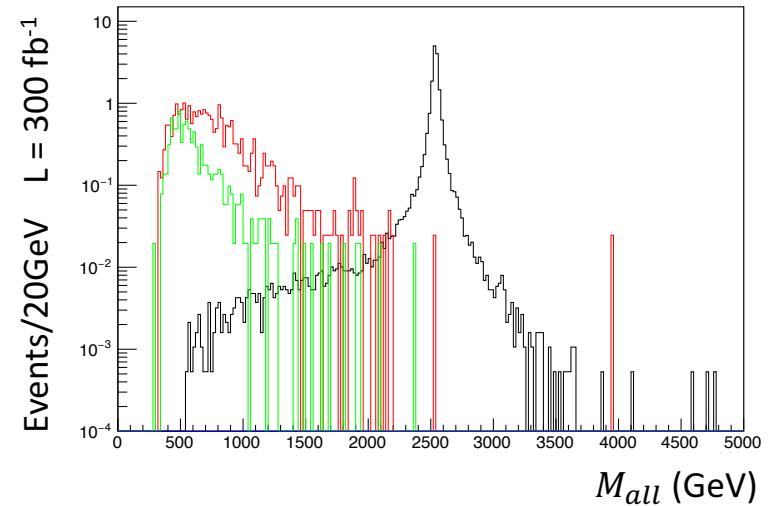
No cuts

## Backgrounds

- $WZjj$
- $t\bar{t}$  (with 3<sup>rd</sup> lepton from b quark)
- $t\bar{t}lv$

## Cuts

- momenta, angular acceptance, isolation
- $|M_{jj} - M_W| < 20 \text{ GeV}$
- $|M_{l^+l^-} - M_Z| > 10 \text{ GeV}$
- $|M_{all} - M_{Z'}| < 250 \text{ GeV}$



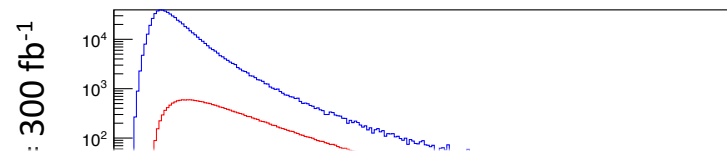
Cuts applied except on  $M_{all}$

The longitudinal momentum of the  $\nu_l$  is reconstructed from the  $W$  mass and minimising  $X = |M_{l_1 l_2 \nu_l}^2 - M_{l_3 j_1 j_2}^2|$

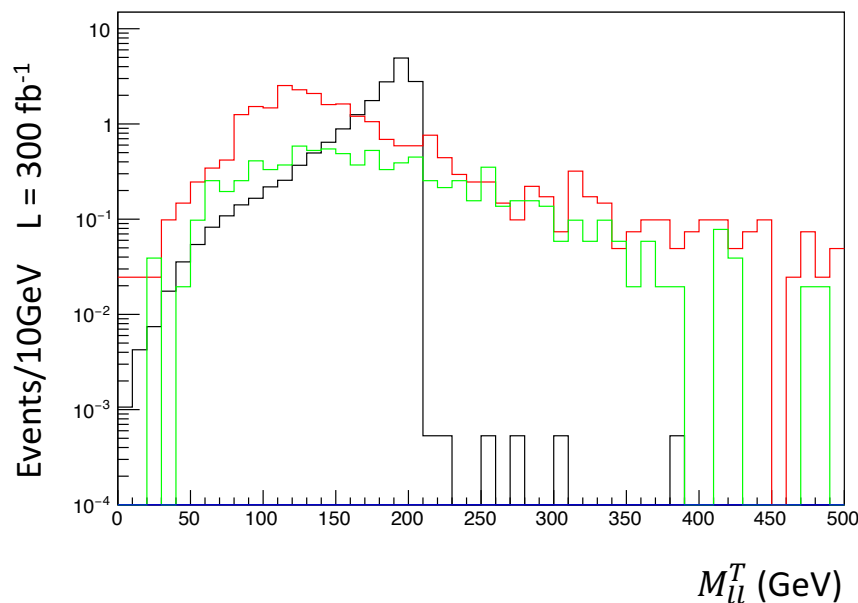
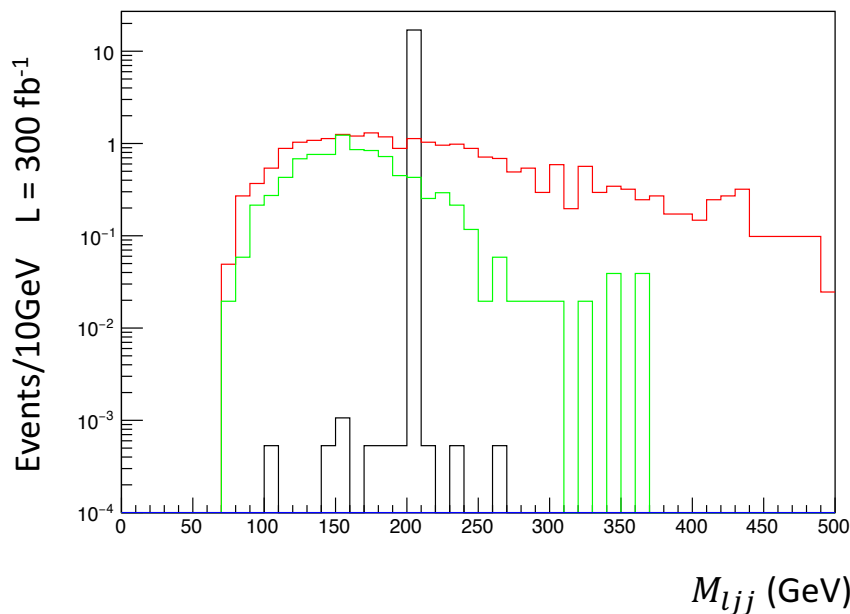
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# Conclusions

- Minimal  $Z'$  extensions of the SM  
*neutral gauge boson, scalar and RH neutrinos*  
and a minimal set of new parameters
- LHC (DY + HiggsBounds/HiggsSignals) significantly constrains the parameter space
- Peculiar signatures:  
 $pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow \nu_h \nu_h$   
 $pp \rightarrow Z'^* \rightarrow Z' H_2$   
 $pp \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow \nu_h \nu_h, pp \rightarrow H_2 \rightarrow H_1 H_1$   
 $pp \rightarrow H_1 \rightarrow \nu_h \nu_h$  (heavy neutrinos are long-live particles: *displaced vertices*)
- RG methods can be effectively used to establish a connection between EW scale parameters and the underlying GUT structure