

Composite Higgs and non-standard top partner decays

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The problem

$$V = -\mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$



What is this?

There's a mass scale μ^2 in the Higgs sector, it's the only mass in the SM, and moreover

$$\mu^2 \ll m_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

Why is $-\mu^2 < 0$?

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Composite Higgs: dynamical mechanism for EWSB

[See talk by Stefania De Curtis for details!]

Strongly interacting sector; broken global symmetry
 $G \rightarrow H$ where H contains the SM symmetry G_{SM}

- No fundamental scalars needed
- The low Higgs mass is naturally explained: pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson (pNGB) of broken symmetry
- New sectors of composite particles
 - ✓ Higgs and other scalars: **pNGBs**
 - ✓ Partners of SM fermions: **vectorlike quarks (VLQs)**
 - ✓ Vectors, scalar resonances ...

Additional scalars

When the new symmetry is broken, $\mathbf{G} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}$, there are Nambu-Goldstone bosons: one per broken generator

No. of pNGBs = dim of coset manifold \mathbf{G}/\mathbf{H}

When (subgroup of) \mathbf{H} is gauged, turn into *pseudo*-NGB

We want \mathbf{H} to contain $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \sim SO(4)$ [**custodial**]

Examples:

- **Minimal Composite Higgs:** $SO(5) / SO(4)$: $10 - 6 = 4$
4 goldstones = components of SM Higgs doublet
- **Composite 2HDM:** $SO(6) / [SO(4) \times SO(2)]$: $15 - 7 = 8$
8 goldstones = two Higgs doublets

Top partners

- In particular the top has vectorlike top partners T
- Partial compositeness:
 - ✓ Top partners mix with the top quark
 - ✓ Top quark gets mass from mixing
- After mixing, there are additional heavy top quarks
- Couplings are model-dependent
- Generically, can also have bottom partners B and "exotic VLQs" X, Y, S, \dots , charges $+5/3, -4/3, +8/3, \dots$
- LHC top partner bounds so far only considering SM decays $T \rightarrow tZ, bW^+, th_{SM}$

Simplified model

We consider a simplified model that can encompass various interesting models, for example:

- **SU(4)/Sp(4) model with partial compositeness**
E.g. Gripaios et al, Barnard et al, Ferretti et al,
Cacciapaglia et al, Bizot et al. [\[Talk by T. Flacke\]](#)
- **The composite 2HDM**
Mrazek, Pomarol, Rattazzi, Redi, Serra, Wulzer; De Curtis,
Delle Rose, Moretti, Yagyu [\[Talk by S. De Curtis\]](#)
- **2HDM with VLQs**
Aguilar-Saavedra, Benbrik, Heinemeyer, Pérez-Victoria;
Arhrib, Benbrik, King, Manaut, Moretti, Un [\[Talk by J. Song\]](#)

Simplified model Lagrangian

Scalar ϕ or pseudoscalar η interactions with gauge bosons and SM fermions, schematically

$$\mathcal{L}_S = \eta \sum_V \frac{\kappa_V^\eta}{v} V_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{V}^{a\mu\nu} + \phi \sum_V \left(\kappa_V^\phi v V_\mu^a V^{a\mu} + \frac{\kappa_{V_2}^\phi}{v} V_{\mu\nu}^a V^{a\mu\nu} \right) + \sum_f m_f \left(\kappa_f^\phi \bar{\psi} \psi \phi + i \kappa_f^\eta \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \eta \right)$$

Interactions with VLQs given by Yukawa couplings with $t_{1L}, t_{1R}, t_{2L}, t_{2R}$

This Lagrangian can encompass the models mentioned

$SU(4)/Sp(4) = SO(6)/SO(5)$

Symmetry breaking: $SU(4) \sim SO(6) \rightarrow Sp(4) \sim SO(5)$

5 pNGBs: fit in *bidoublet* and *singlet* of $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ (custodial symmetry) in a **5** rep of $Sp(4)$:

$$\mathcal{H} \oplus \eta \equiv \begin{pmatrix} H^{0*} & H^+ \\ -H^{+*} & H^0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \eta \in (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{5}$$

There are also **5 VLQs:** three top partners, one bottom partner and one exotic X with charge $5/3$:

$$\Psi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} T & X \\ B & T' \end{pmatrix} \oplus \tilde{T} \in (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{5}$$

Lightest VLQ, degenerate with X

SU(4)/Sp(4)

No diagonal couplings of the scalars to the VLQs:

$$\mathcal{L}_{t_2 S} = \kappa_S^L \bar{t}_{2L} t_{1R} \phi + \kappa_S^R \bar{t}_{1L} t_{2R} \phi + \kappa_S^L \bar{t}_{2L} t_{1R} \eta + \kappa_S^R \bar{t}_{1L} t_{2R} \eta + \text{h.c.}$$

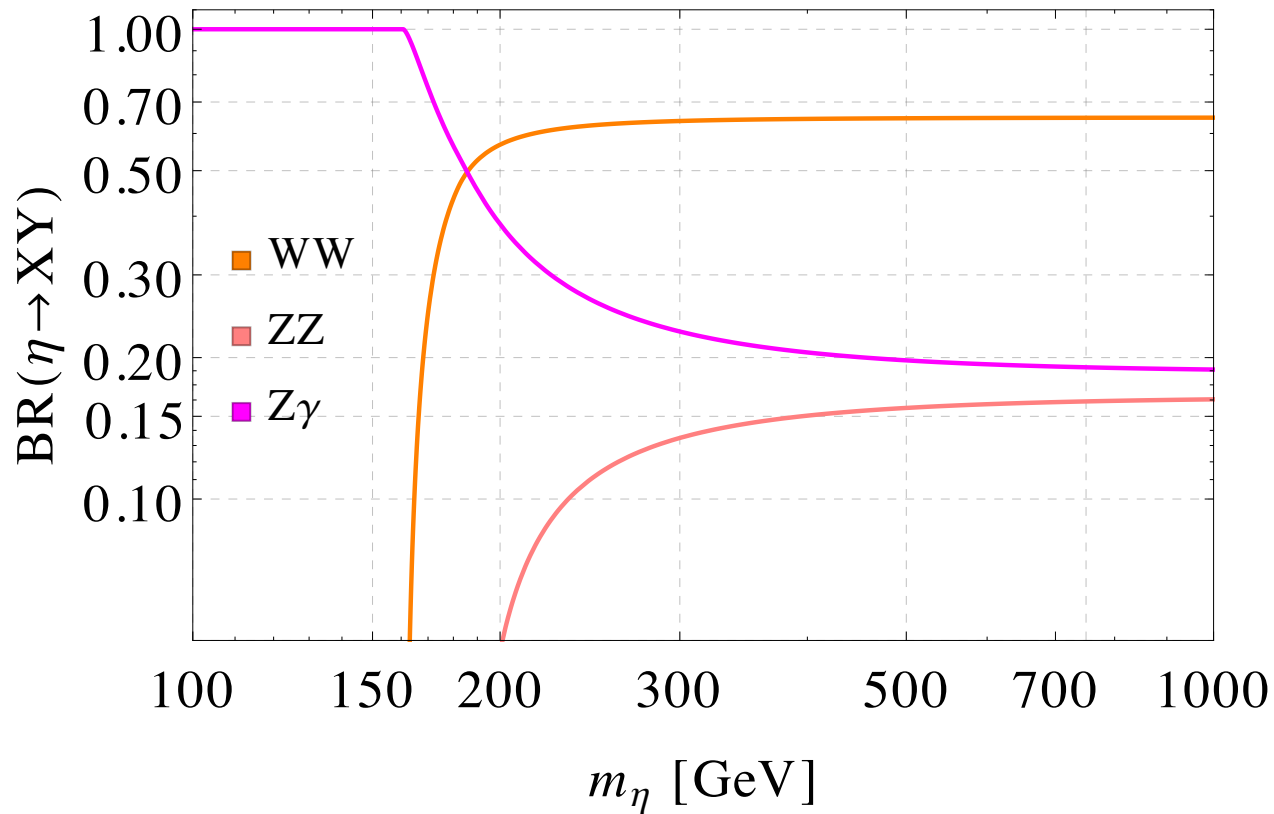
Couplings of η to gauge bosons from dim-5 operators from the anomaly have no $\gamma\gamma$ or gg couplings:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\eta V V} = \frac{A \cos \theta}{16\pi^2 f} \eta \left(\frac{g^2 - g'^2}{2} Z_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} + gg' F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{Z}^{\mu\nu} + g^2 W_{\mu\nu}^+ \tilde{W}^{-\mu\nu} \right)$$

→ No $\gamma\gamma$ or gg decay/production from dim-5 or loops

SU(4)/Sp(4)

BR(η) where η = singlet pseudoscalar



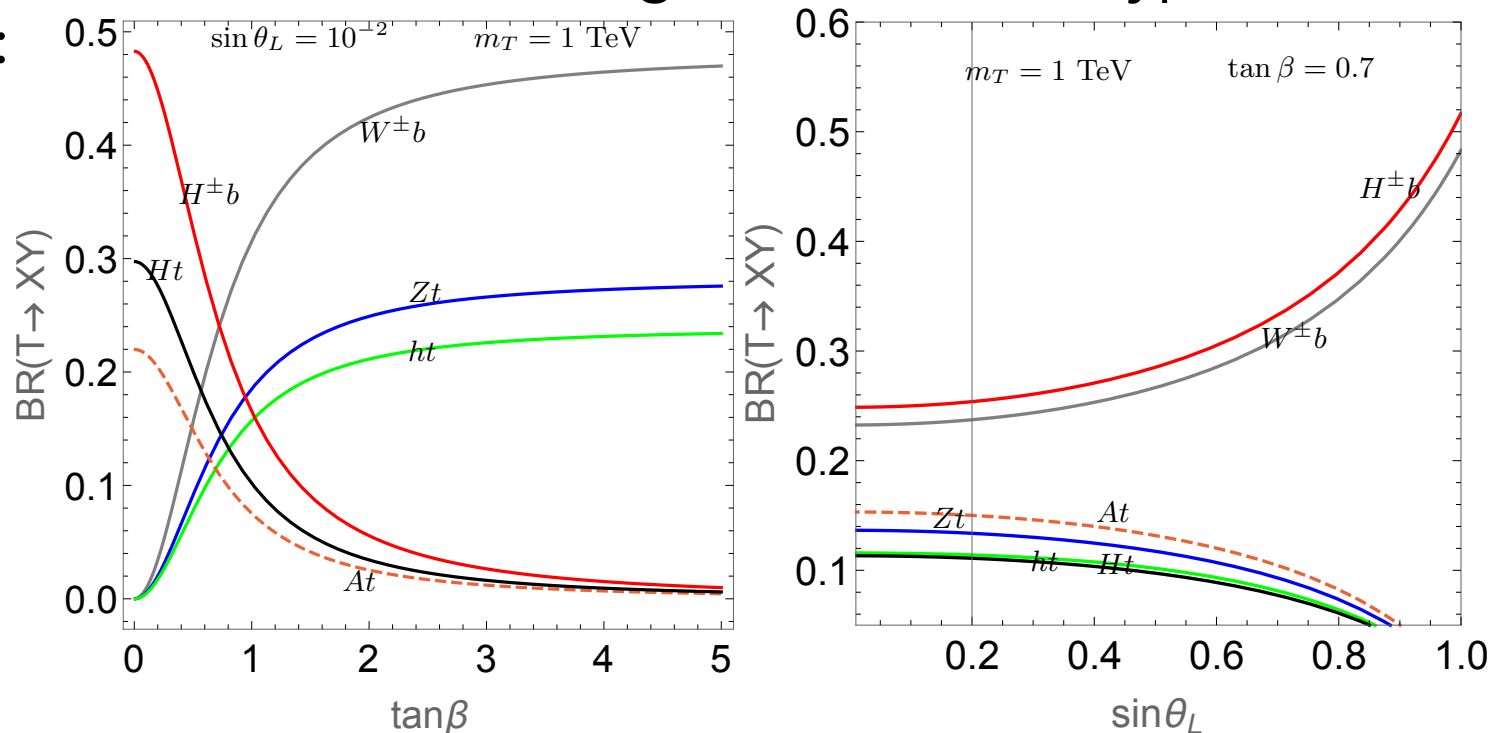
Plot from Bizot, Cacciapaglia, Flacke, 1803.00021

2HDM + VLO

Minimal fundamental Higgs model with these decays: $T \rightarrow tA, tH$

Arhrib et al, 1607.08517, add a singlet T to 2HDM type II

Example BR:



We are investigating singlet, doublet, triplet VLOs in 2HDM, [Arhrib, Benbrik, RE, Manaut, Moretti, Panizzi, Rouchad, Taj]

ATLAS studies

Non-standard decays of VLQ; pair production

$$pp \rightarrow T\bar{T}$$

where T is the lightest top partner and we consider scalars or pseudoscalars S of the model

Assume $T \rightarrow tS$ with $S = \eta$ or ϕ

and scalar decays $S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z, W^+W^-$

Simulate everything using MG5, Pythia, Delphes
(developed Delphes card to mimic ATLAS conditions)

Bounds on T

Current LHC bounds only consider SM decay channels:
We need to establish bounds from existing data on our decay channels: do a *recasting* of published analyses

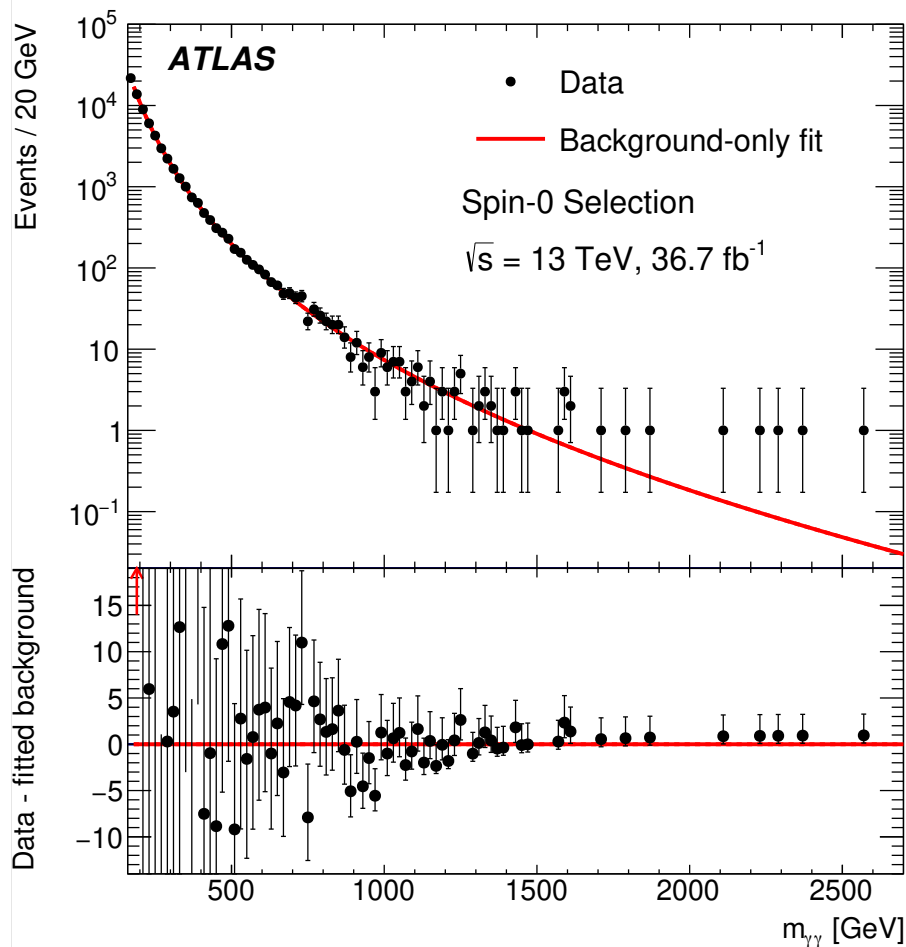
For example: We recast the following ATLAS searches:

ATLAS 1707.04147: "Search for new phenomena in high-mass **diphoton final states** using 37 fb^{-1} of proton–proton collisions collected at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector"

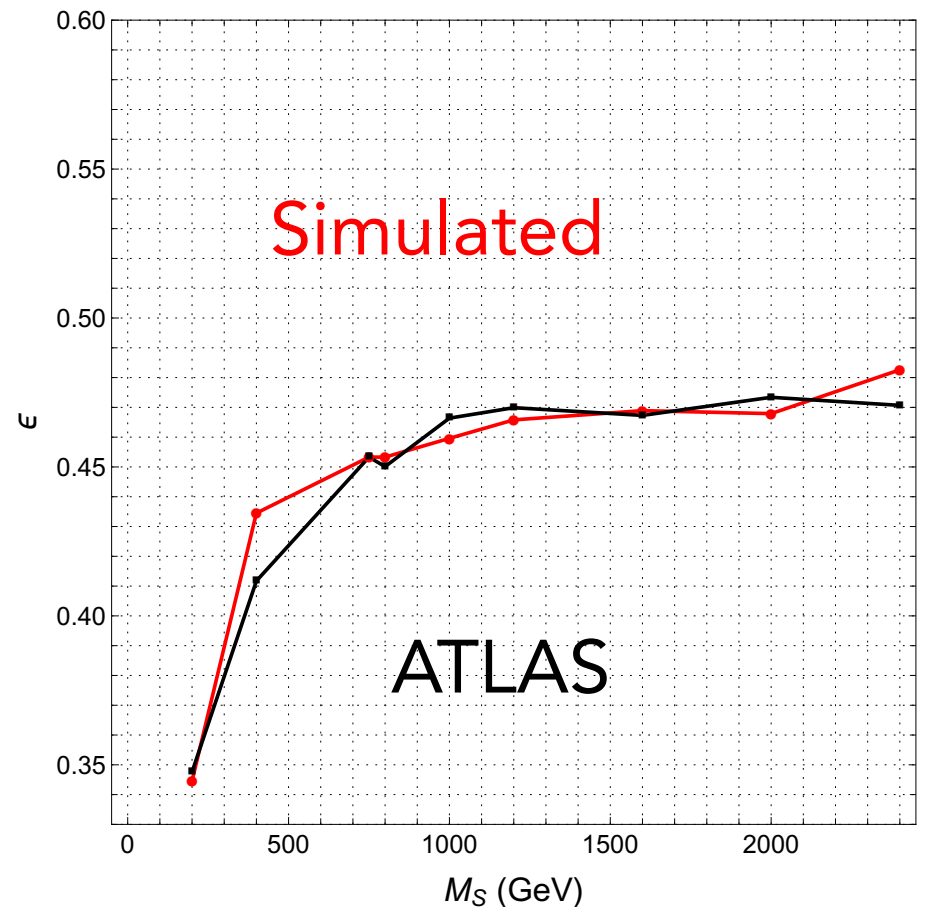
ATLAS 1807.11883: "Search for new phenomena in events with **same-charge leptons and b-jets** in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector"

Recasting

Simulate using Delphes, mimic ATLAS conditions.
E.g.: the $\gamma\gamma$ analysis. Right plot: validate expt acceptance



ATLAS 1707.04147



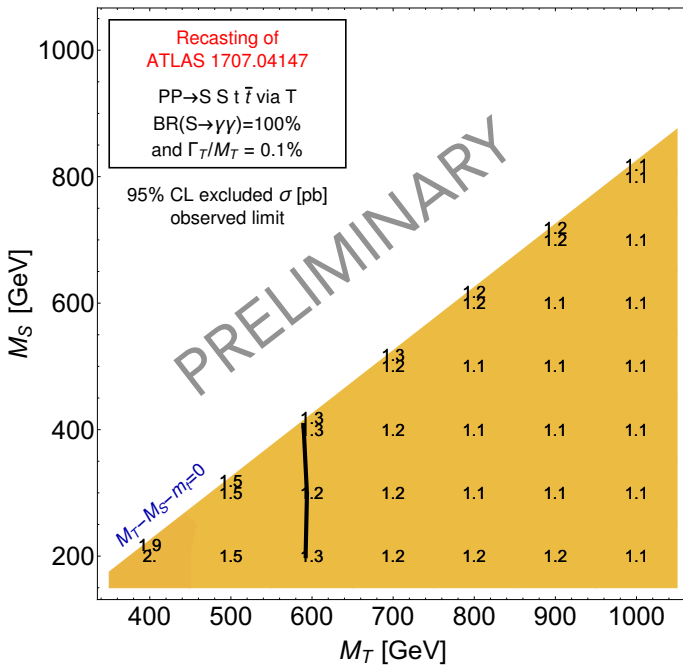
Combined bounds

$$pp \rightarrow T\bar{T} \text{ with } T \rightarrow tS$$

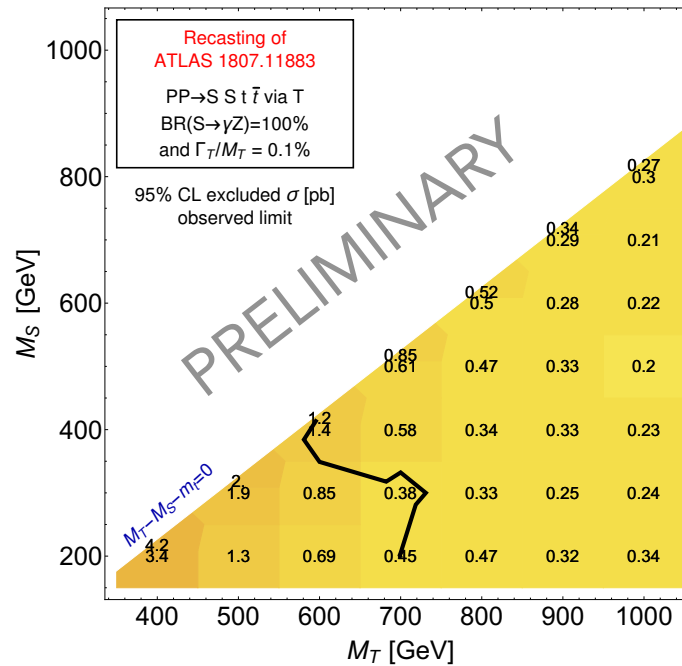
$$S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$S \rightarrow Z\gamma$$

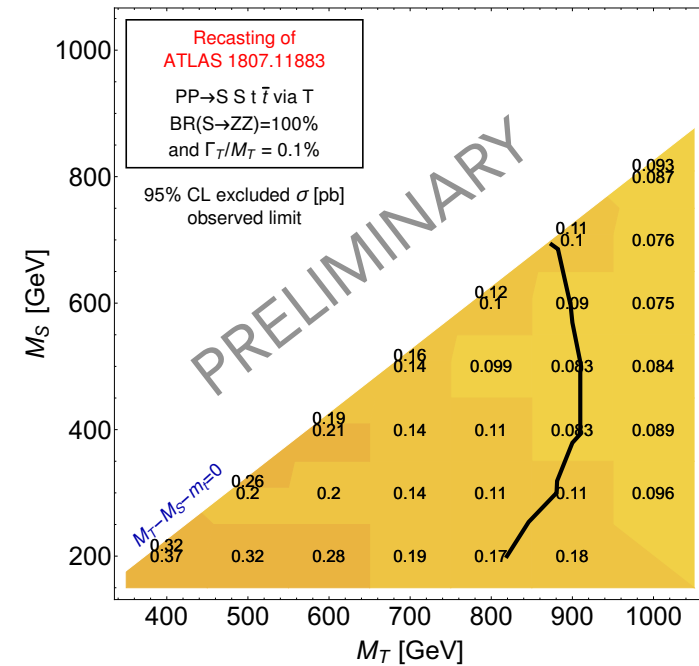
$$S \rightarrow ZZ$$



$M_T > 600$ GeV



$M_T > 600-700$ GeV



$M_T > 800-900$ GeV

Also using HiggsBounds to check bounds on scalars from Higgs searches

Can we test scalar/pseudoscalar?

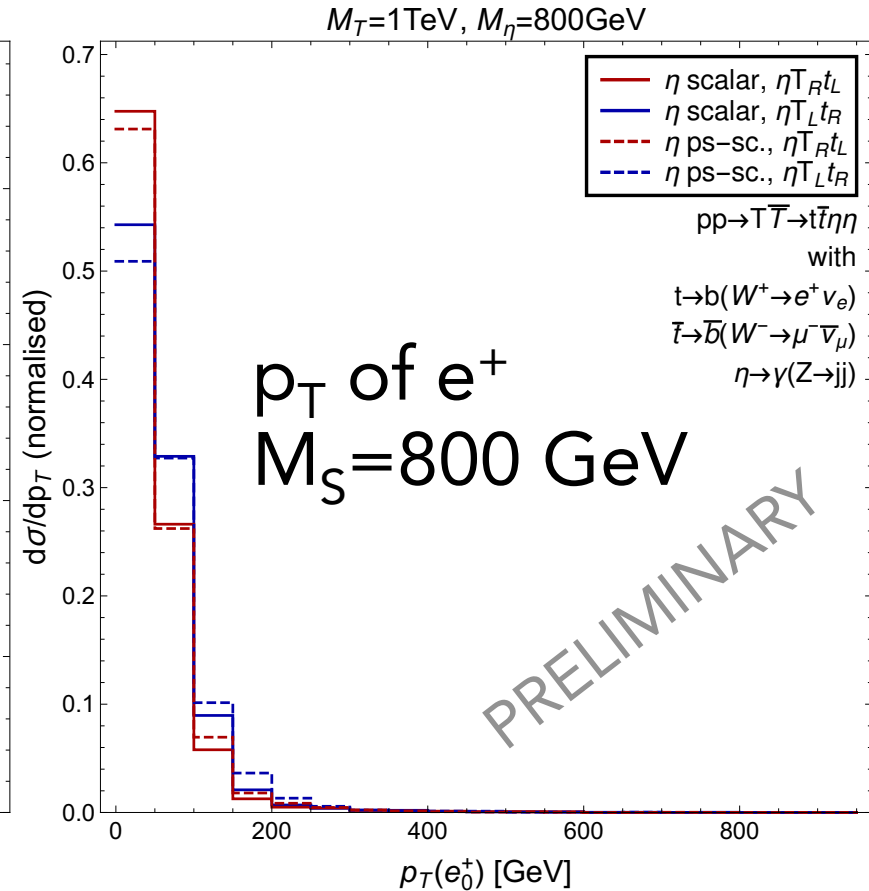
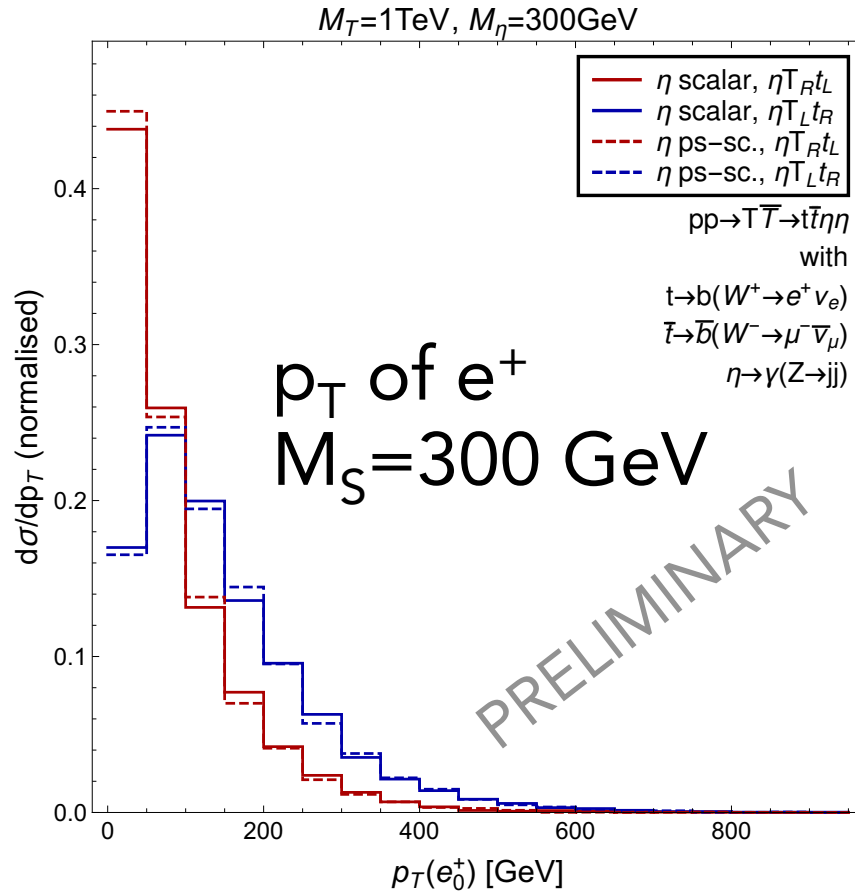
$$pp \rightarrow T\bar{T} \rightarrow tS\bar{t}S \quad \text{with}$$

$$S = \eta \text{ or } \phi$$

$$t \rightarrow W^+ b \rightarrow e^+ \nu b$$

$$\bar{t} \rightarrow W^- \bar{b} \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu} \bar{b}$$

$$S \rightarrow \gamma Z \rightarrow \gamma jj$$



(Distributions in η and ΔR do not show any difference)

LHC searches

Theory study of the sensitivity of LHC experiments to searches with pair production and T decay as above and

$$S \rightarrow \gamma\gamma \text{ or } Z\gamma$$

Diphoton + jets in first case

Photon(s) + dileptons + jets in second case

- Phenomenology paper on these searches
[Will be arXiv:190x.yyyyy]

Summary

- Top quark important to understand for Higgs physics
- Models for composite Higgs with dynamical EWSB typically have vectorlike top partners
- Existing bounds only consider SM decays (minimal)
- We are considering non-minimal models with decays to new scalars and LHC phenomenology
- Results to appear very soon