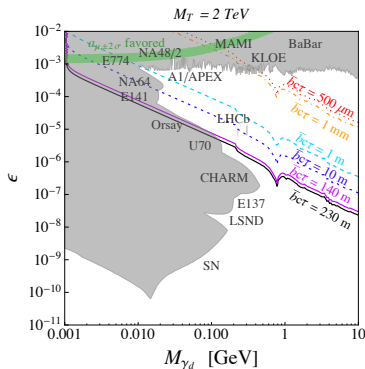


# Searching for Dark Photons using Maverick Top Partners

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## Why VLT?

- Vector like fermions don't introduce new anomalies.
- Vector like top partners are found in Little and Composite Higgs Models, which address radiative corrections to the Higgs mass.
- Accordingly there have been many searches for them but none have seen top partners.

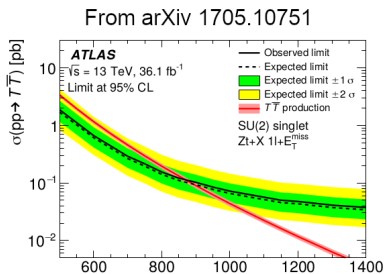
## Why Dark Photon?

- Given the rich structure of the SM the nature of a dark sector could be equally as complicated.
- There could be many additional particles and forces.
- The simplest possible extension of a dark force is the introduction of a dark photon.

# Typical Searches

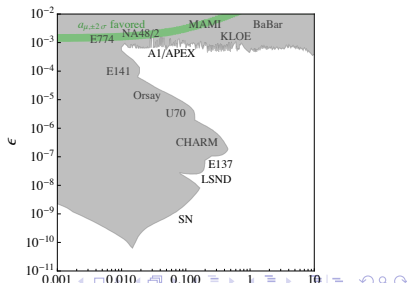
## VLQ

There have been many searches for VLQ's but no discovery. But normally assume  $\text{Br}(\text{VLQ} \rightarrow \text{SM}) = 1$ .



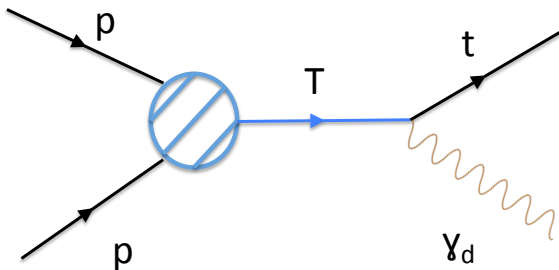
## Dark Photon

Dark photon searches typically rely on direct detection due to the small couplings ( $\epsilon$ ) making collider production difficult.



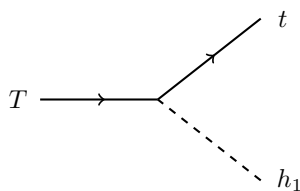
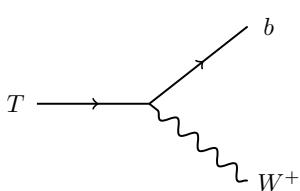
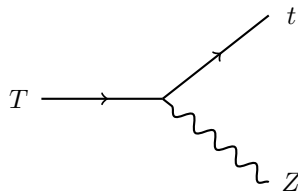
# Motivation

- Branching ratio of top partner to SM  $\ll 1$
- Dark photon production depends on QCD and not small parameter  $\epsilon$

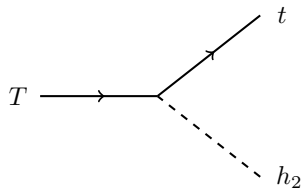
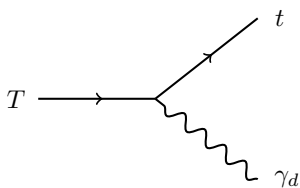


# Maverick Tops

Typical top partner electroweak decay modes



Maverick top partners have additional decay modes



We thank KC Kong and Doug McKay for the term "Maverick top partner"

# Goldstone Boson Equivalence (GBE)

From GBE, the partial width of  $T$  into fully SM final states is

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow b/t + W/Z/h) \sim \sin^2 \theta \frac{M_T^3}{v_{EW}^2},$$

where  $\theta$  is a mixing angle between the SM top quark and  $T$ .

If we imagine a Higgs mechanism for the dark photons we can also use GBE to get

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow t + \gamma_d/h_d) \sim \sin^2 \theta \frac{M_T^3}{v_d^2}.$$

The ratio of the rates into  $\gamma_d/h_d$  and  $W/Z/h$  is given by

$$\frac{\Gamma(T \rightarrow t + \gamma_d/h_d)}{\Gamma(T \rightarrow t/b + W/Z/h)} \sim \left( \frac{v_{EW}}{v_d} \right)^2 \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(100),$$

where for dark photon masses  $M_{\gamma_d} \lesssim 10$  GeV, we generically expect that the vev  $v_d \lesssim 10$  GeV. This ratio implies the VLT preferentially decays to these new non SM-states.

In order for the GBE argument to work to work we augment the standard model by adding three new fields:

- A gauge boson for a dark force,  $F_D$
- A vector like quark,  $t_2$ , charged under this  $U(1)_D$
- A new scalar particle,  $H_D$ , charged under this  $U(1)_D$

## **Benefits of the Model:**

- The SM branching ratios for top partner are significantly reduced
- Dark Photons are produced at QCD rates independent of  $\epsilon$



# Additional Terms in Lagrangian

The allowed form of the scalar potential is

$$V(\Phi, H_d) = -\mu^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda |\Phi|^4 - \mu_{h_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + \lambda_{h_d} |H_d|^4 + \lambda_{hh_d} |\Phi|^2 |H_d|^2.$$

We add the new gauge kinetic pieces for the  $U(1)_D$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Gauge-NEW} = -\frac{1}{4} \left( -\frac{2\varepsilon'}{\cos(\theta_W)} F_Y^{\mu\nu} F_{D\mu\nu} + F_D^{\mu\nu} F_{D\mu\nu} \right)$$

The fermion yukawa interactions and mass terms are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{Yuk} = -y_b \bar{Q}_L \Phi b_R - y_t \bar{Q}_L \tilde{\Phi} t_{1R} - y_{t_2} H_d \bar{t}_{2L} t_{1R} - M_{t_2} \bar{t}_{2L} t_{2R} + \text{h.c.}$$

# Small Mixing Interaction terms

In the small mixing angle limit,  $M_t/M_T, |\theta_L^t|, |\varepsilon| \ll 1$  the relevant couplings are

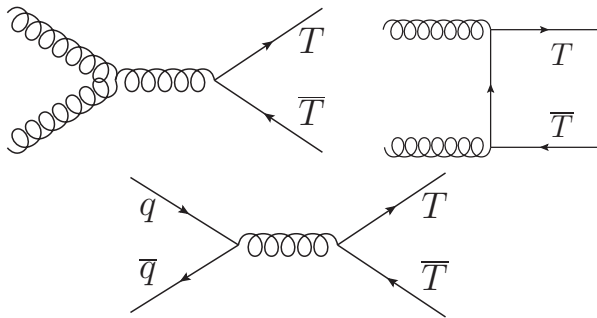
$$W - T - b \sim i \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta_L^t \gamma^\mu P_L$$

$$Z - T - t \sim i \frac{g_Z^{SM}}{2} \sin \theta_L^t \gamma^\mu P_L + ig_d \frac{(M_T/M_t) \sin \theta_L^t}{1 + (M_T/M_t)^2 \sin^2 \theta_L^t} \sin \theta_d \gamma^\mu P_R$$

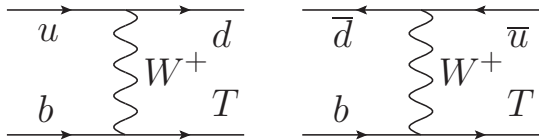
$$\gamma_d - T - t \sim -i g_d \sin \theta_L^t \gamma^\mu P_L - ig_d \frac{(M_T/M_t) \sin \theta_L^t}{1 + (M_T/M_t)^2 \sin^2 \theta_L^t} \gamma^\mu P_R$$

# Maverick Top Production Channels

## Pair Production via QCD

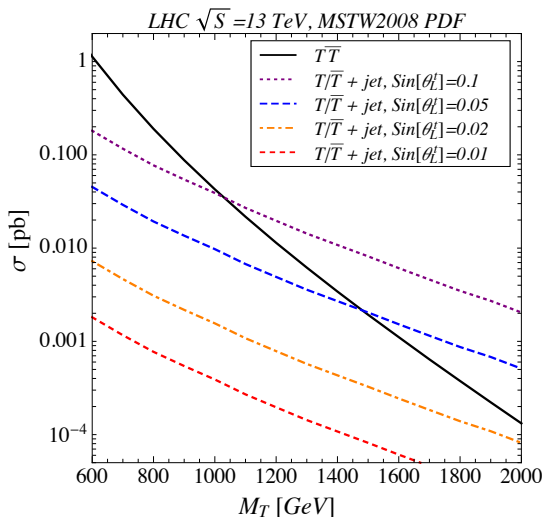


## Single Production via W exchange



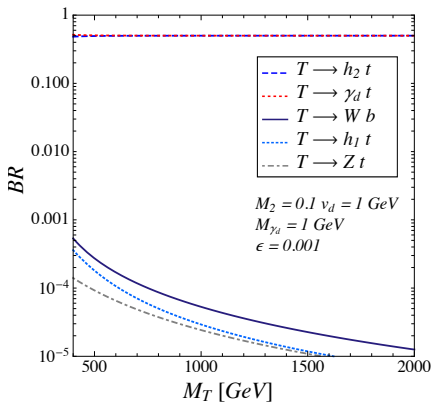
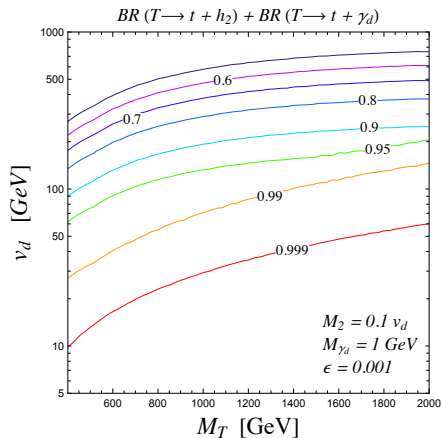
# Maverick Top Production Rates

Maverick top production only depends on QCD structure

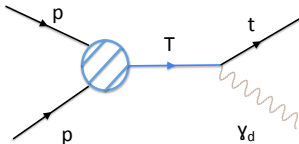
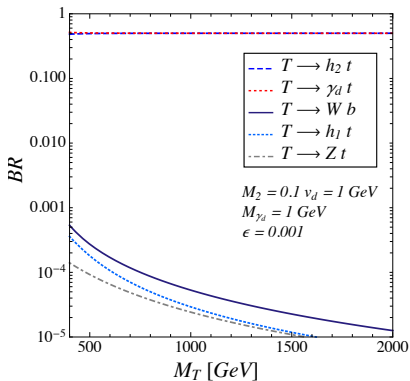
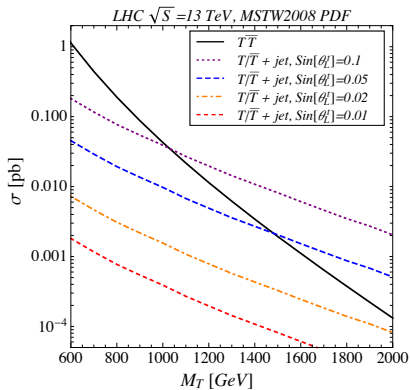


# Full Branching ratio calculation

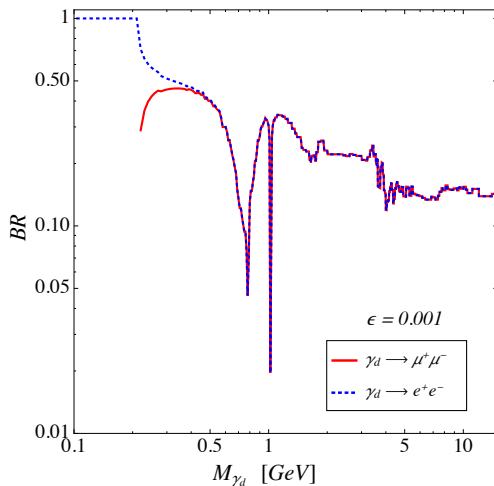
New non standard model decay modes dominate largely independent of model parameters.



# Dark Photon with QCD Production Rates



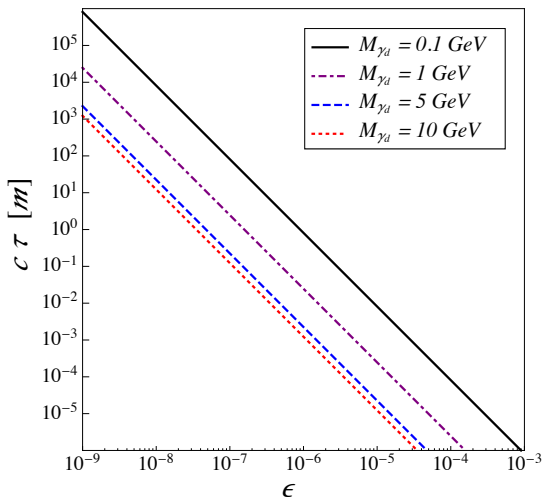
# Dark Photon Branching Ratio



Curtin (2014) arXiv: **Curtin:2014cca**

# Dark Photon Decay Length

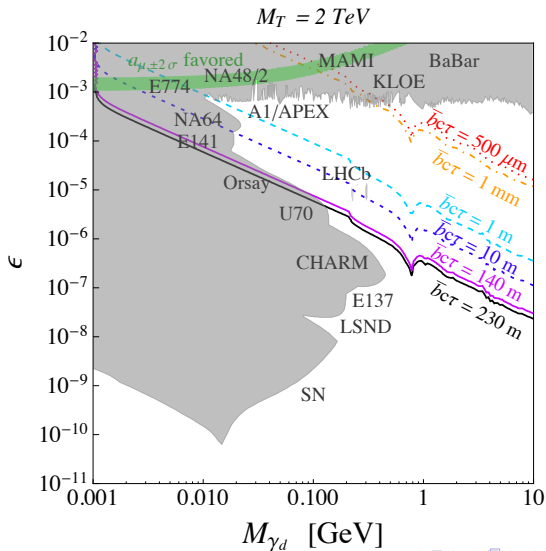
Lots of variability in the decay length depending on the model parameters.





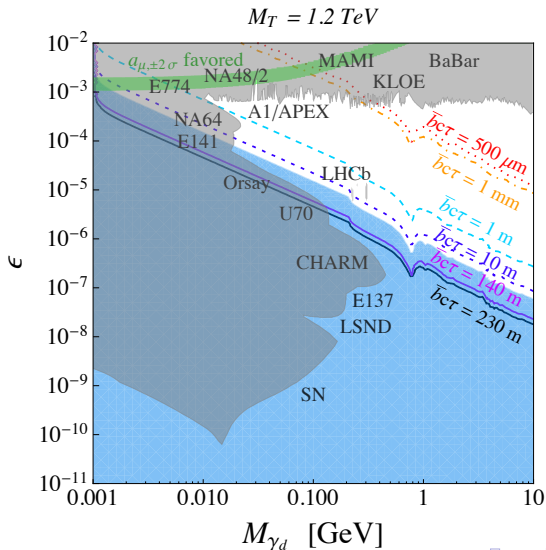
# Dark Photon Collider Phenomenology

There is a rich decay phenomenology in the open parameter space.



# Dark Photon Collider Phenomenology

Rule out longer decay lengths by recasting stop searches



## Model Benefits:

- This model has vastly different top partner decay modes than the normal searches
- This model produces dark photons at QCD rates
- Some searches can be reinterpreted to exclude some regions of parameter space

## Interpretation:

- A new particles phenomenology drastically depends on the structure of the model.
- We have a mechanism for searching for dark photons at colliders due to the large production rates and rich pheno.

Questions?

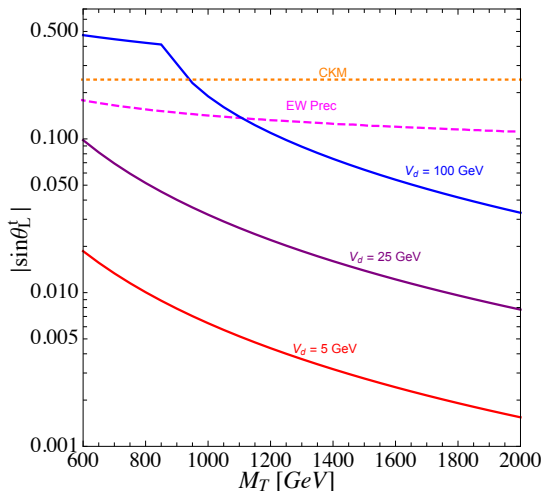
# Particle Content

	$SU(3)$	$SU(2)_L$	$Y$	$Y_d$
$t_{1R}$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	2/3	0
$b_R$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	-1/3	0
$Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} t_{1L} \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	1/6	0
$\Phi$	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	1/2	0
$t_{2L}$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	2/3	1
$t_{2R}$	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	2/3	1
$H_d$	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	0	1

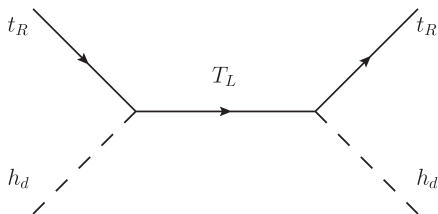
**Table:** Field content and their charges.  $t_{1R}$ ,  $b_R$ , and  $Q_L$  are 3<sup>rd</sup> generation SM quarks,  $\Phi$  is the SM Higgs doublet,  $t_2$  is the  $SU(2)_L$  singlet VLQ, and  $H_d$  is the  $U(1)_d$  Higgs field.  $Y$  is the SM Hypercharge and  $Y_d$  is the  $U(1)_d$  charge.

# Oblique, CKM, and Perturbativity Constraints

Constraints from electroweak precision measurements and perturbativity strongly constrain the mixing angle.



# Perturbativity Constraints



$$i\mathcal{M}(h_d t_R \rightarrow h_d t_R) = -i \frac{\lambda_t^2}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = i 16\pi \sum_{j=1/2, 3/2, \dots} (2j+1) a_j d_{1/2, 1/2}^j(\theta),$$

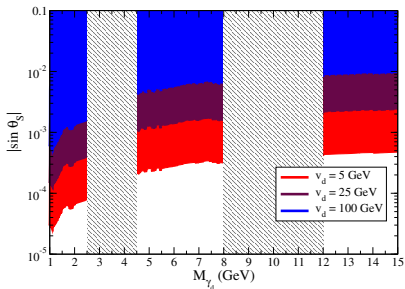
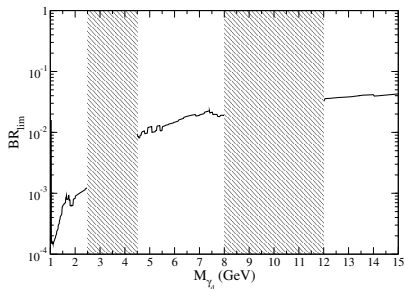
where  $\theta$  is the scattering angle and  $d_{m, m'}^j(\theta)$  are Wigner d-functions. There is only one relevant term

$$a_{1/2} = -\frac{\lambda_t^2}{64\pi}$$

$$|\operatorname{Re} a_{1/2}| \leq \frac{1}{2} \implies |\lambda_t| \leq 4\sqrt{2\pi}.$$

# Higgs to $\gamma_d\gamma_d$ Constraints

There have been searches at the LHC for  $h_1 \rightarrow \gamma_d\gamma_d \rightarrow 4\ell$  where  $\ell = e, \mu$  (Aboud *et al.* 2018). These searches place limits on the Higgs decay through dark photons in the mass range  $1 \text{ GeV} < M_{\gamma_d} < 60 \text{ GeV}$ .

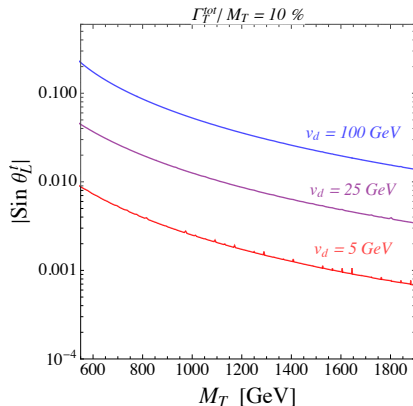




# Narrow Width Constraints

When  $M_t \ll M_T$  and  $v_d \ll v_{EW}$ , the mixing angle  $\sin \theta_L^t$  must be quite small for  $T$  to be narrow.

$$\frac{\Gamma_T^{tot}}{M_T} \approx \frac{1}{16\pi} \frac{M_T^4}{M_t^2 v_d^2} \frac{\sin^2 \theta_L^t}{1 + (M_T/M_t)^2 \sin^2 \theta_L^t}.$$



# Dark Photon Hadronic Decays

$$R(M_{\gamma_d}) \equiv \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\gamma_d}^{\text{tot}} &= R(M_{\gamma_d})\Gamma(\gamma_d \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) + \sum_{f=e,\mu,\tau,\nu_e,\nu_\mu,\nu_\tau} \Gamma(\gamma_d \rightarrow f\bar{f}) \\ &\approx \frac{\varepsilon^2 e^2}{12\pi} M_{\gamma_d} \left[ R(M_{\gamma_d}) + \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} \theta(M_{\gamma_d} - 2M_\ell) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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M. Tanabashi et al. "Review of Particle Physics", Phys. Rev. D98.3 (2018)

# Boost Factor and Observed Decay Length

The decay length will be boosted based on the relative momentum coming from the VLQ decay

$$d = \bar{b} c \tau$$

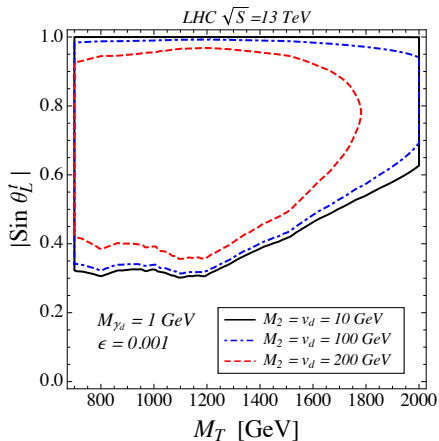
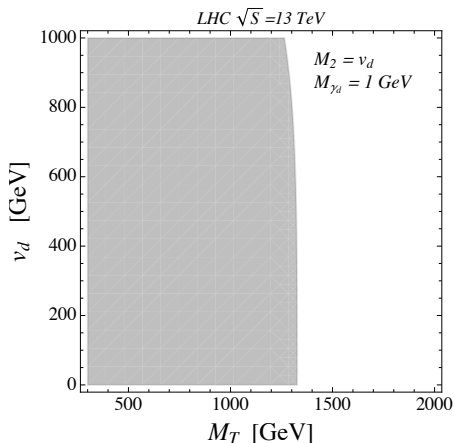
$$\bar{b} = \frac{|\vec{p}_{\gamma_d}|}{M_{\gamma_d}} = \frac{1}{2M_{\gamma_d} M_T} \sqrt{(M_T^2 - M_{\gamma_d}^2 - M_t^2)^2 - 4M_{\gamma_d}^2 M_t^2}$$

$\xrightarrow{M_T \gg M_{\gamma_d}, M_t}$

$$\frac{M_T}{2M_{\gamma_d}} \approx \mathcal{O}(100),$$

$$d = 580 \mu\text{m} \times \frac{7}{R(M_{\gamma_d}) + \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} \theta(M_{\gamma_d} - 2M_\ell)}$$
$$\times \left( \frac{M_T}{1 \text{ TeV}} \right) \left( \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{M_{\gamma_d}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{10^{-4}}{\varepsilon} \right)^2.$$

# Reinterpreting Stop Searches



CMS-PAS-SUS-19-005, Aaboud (2018) arXiv: [Aaboud:2018zpr](#)

- Normalize Gauge Kinetic Terms

$$F_{Y,\mu} = B_\mu + \frac{\varepsilon'}{\hat{c}_W \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon'^2 / \hat{c}_W^2}} B_{D,\mu}, \quad F_{D,\mu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \varepsilon'^2 / \hat{c}_W^2}} B_{D,\mu},$$

- Electroweak Rotation and Mass Diagonalization

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \hat{R}(\hat{\theta}_W) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}_\mu \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Z}_\mu \\ B_\mu^D \end{pmatrix} = \hat{R}(\theta_D) \begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ \gamma_\mu^d \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Covariant Derivative

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu = & \partial_\mu - ig_S t^A G_\mu^A - ig^{SM} T^+ W^+ - ig^{SM} T^- W^- - ieQ A_\mu \\ & - i \left[ g_Z^{SM} Q_Z^{SM} - \varepsilon g_d Y_d \tan \theta_W^{SM} \right] Z_\mu - i [\varepsilon e Q + g_d Y_d] \gamma_{d,\mu} \\ & + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2, M_{\gamma_d}^2 / M_Z^2), \end{aligned}$$

# Symmetry Breaking

The scalar potential is given by

$$\mathcal{V}(\Phi, S) = -\mu^2|\Phi|^2 + \lambda|\Phi|^4 - \mu_s^2|S|^2 + \lambda_s|S|^4 + \lambda_{hs}|\Phi|^2|S|^2$$

with minimums occuring when

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial |\Phi|^2} = -\mu^2 + 2\lambda|\Phi_0|^2 + \lambda_{hs}|S_0|^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial |S|^2} = -\mu_s^2 + 2\lambda_s|S_0|^2 + \lambda_{hs}|\Phi_0|^2 = 0.$$

This system has solutions

$$|\Phi_0|^2 = \frac{2\lambda_s\mu^2 - \lambda_{hs}\mu_s^2}{4\lambda\lambda_s - \lambda_{hs}^2} = \frac{v^2}{2}, \text{ and } |S_0|^2 = \frac{2\lambda\mu_s^2 - \lambda_{hs}\mu^2}{4\lambda\lambda_s - \lambda_{hs}^2} = \frac{v_D^2}{2}$$