

# Supersymmetric quarkonia



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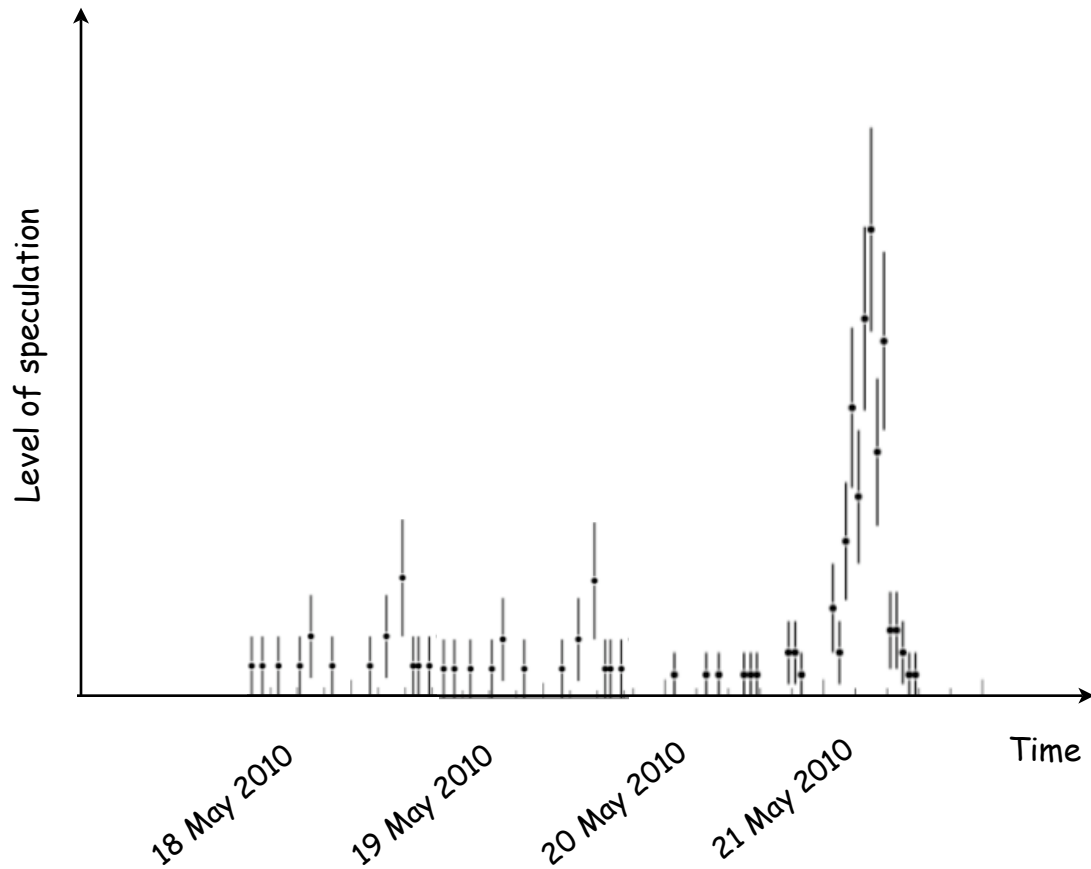
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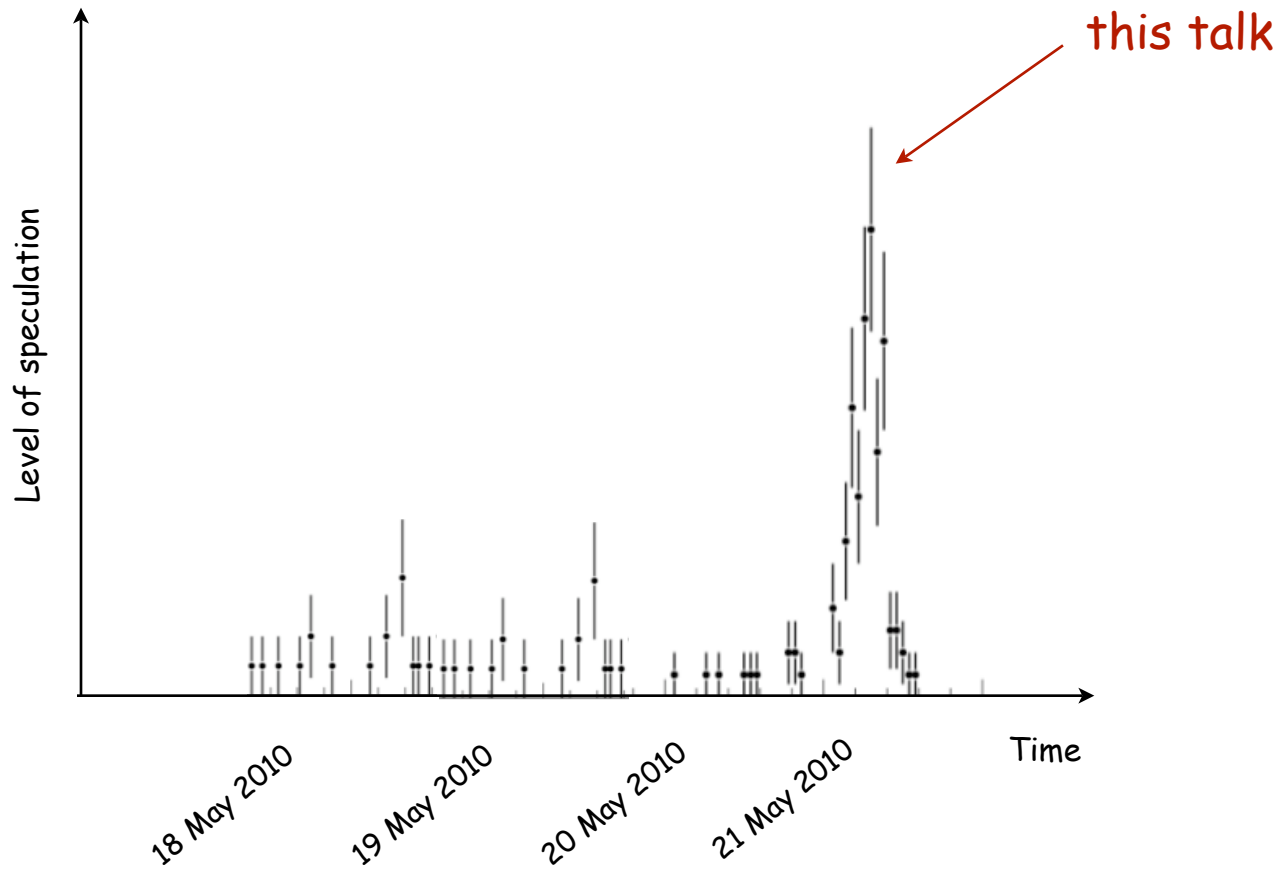
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# 1. Introduction: SUSY and QCD bound states

- SUSY is one of the viable (best?) models for physics beyond the Standard Model
  - solves naturalness problem/provides Dark Matter candidate/etc.
  - doubles particle spectrum

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{t-quark} \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \tilde{t}_L\text{-squark} \\ \tilde{t}_R\text{-squark} \end{array} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \tilde{t}_1 = \tilde{t}_L \cos \theta_t + \tilde{t}_R \sin \theta_t \\ \tilde{t}_2 = -\tilde{t}_L \sin \theta_t + \tilde{t}_R \cos \theta_t \end{cases}$$

- Squarks are color-triplet scalars: bound states?
  - Higgs mass prediction in MSSM:

$$m_h^2 = m_Z^2 \cos^2(2\beta) + \frac{3}{4\pi^2} y_t^4 \sin^4 \beta \log \left( \frac{m_{\tilde{t}_1} m_{\tilde{t}_2}}{m_t^2} \right)$$

- top quarks do not form bound states (top decays too fast!!!)

What is the story with MSSM?

# Introduction: SUSY and QCD bound states

## ➤ SUSY is broken; masses of sparticles are not known

- various scenarios can be considered, for example,

$$m_{\tilde{t}_1} - m_{\tilde{C}_1} < m_b \text{ and } m_{\tilde{t}_1} - m_{\tilde{N}_1} < m_t$$

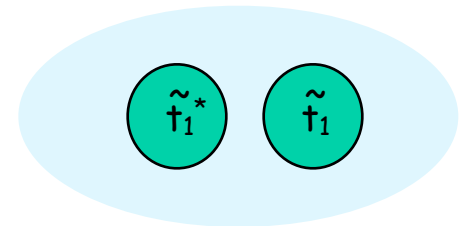
then,  $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{C}_1$ ,  $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{N}_1$  are forbidden

- top squark's lifetime is longer than formation time for the QCD bound state

→ can form **stoponium**

## ➤ Why study stoponium?

- HEP phenomenology:
  - precise determination of squark masses
- Quarkonium-like physics
  - physics of bound states in new environment
  - new sources of binding (Higgs exchange, point-like interactions)



Concentrate on the lightest state (stoponium)

## 2. Properties of stoponium

- Assuming  $m_{+1} \ll m_{+2}$ , the spectroscopy of stoponium is boring
  - stops are spin-0: spin of bound states tracks relative angular momentum
  - lowest energy state is a  $0^{++}$  scalar

- What is the spectrum?

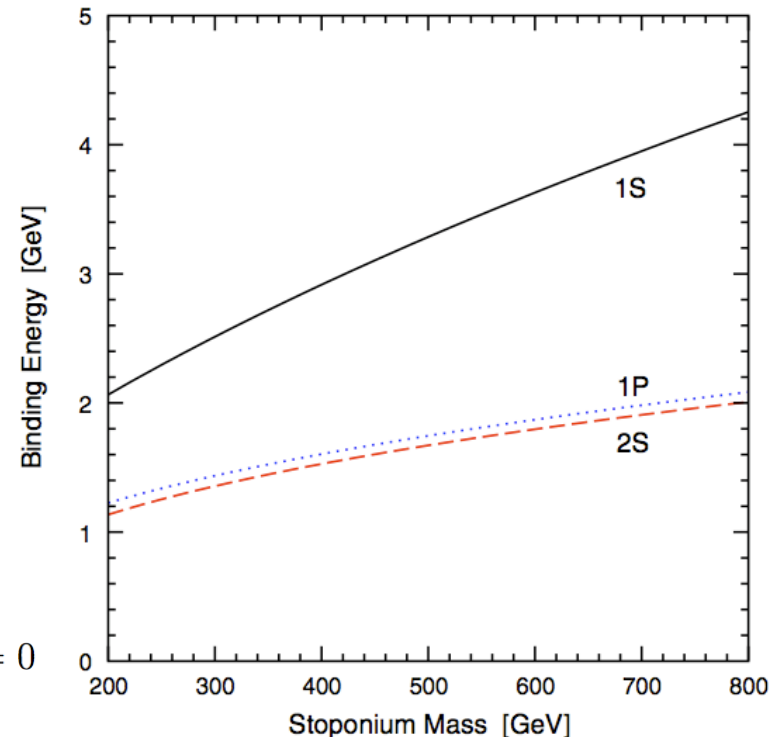
- strongly-interacting heavy particles
  - Coulomb dominated potential

$$V_{\text{QCD}}^{(C)} = -\frac{3\alpha_s}{2r} + \kappa r$$

- if similar to ordinary quarkonia
  - binding energy  $B$  and wave function

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_1}} \left( \frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \right) + V_{\text{eff}}(r) + \mathcal{B} \right] \psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

where  $V_{\text{eff}}(r) = V_{\text{QCD}}(r)$  for  $l=0$



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In SUSY there are also other contributions to the potential



# Comments on the mass spectrum

## ➤ Other contributions to potential

- there are at least three Higgs states ( $h^0$ ,  $H^0$ , and  $A^0$ )
  - more important for heavier squarks
  - induce Yukawa interaction term
- there is a term inducing point quartic squark interactions
  - induces delta-function interaction term

$$V_{\text{eff}}(r) = - \left( \frac{g_h e^{-m_h r}}{r} + \frac{g_H e^{-m_H r}}{r} + \frac{g_A e^{-m_A r}}{r} \right) + V_{\text{QCD}}(r) + \mathcal{A} \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{6} g_s^2 + y_t^2 \sin^2 \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos^2 \theta_{\tilde{t}}$$

positive!

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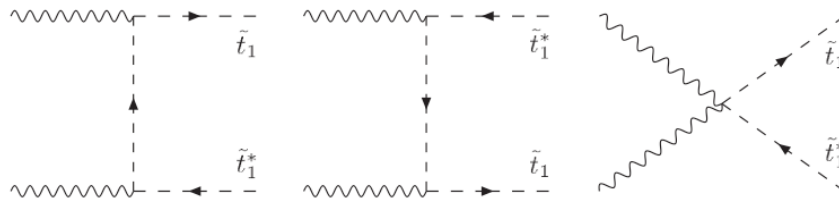
## ➤ Stoponium has the same quantum numbers as Higgs boson(s)

- if close in mass, strong mixing is possible (level repulsion)

$$m_{\pm}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (m_1^2 + m_2^2) \pm \sqrt{(m_1^2 - m_2^2)^2 + 4\Delta^2} \right] \quad (\text{mixed stoponium-Higgs state})$$

# 3. Production & decays of stoponia

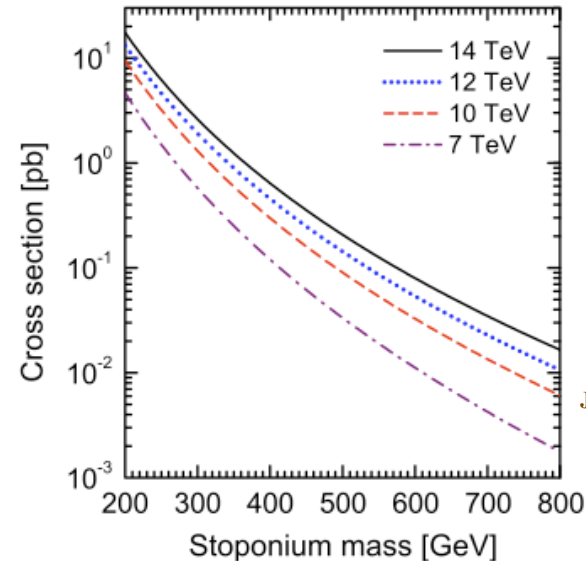
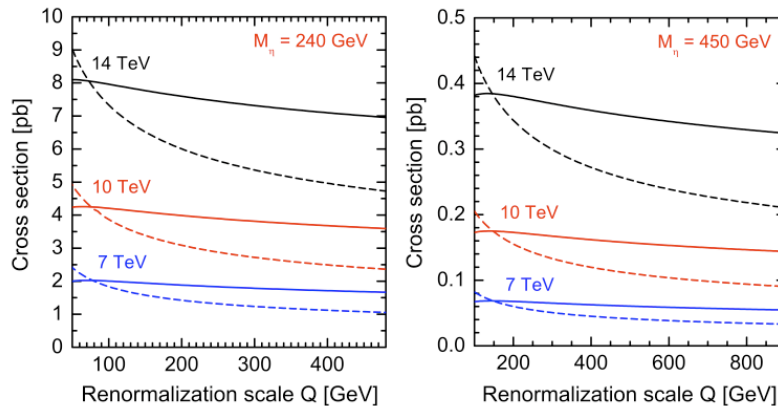
- Stoponium might be produced at the LHC
  - leading contribution is gg fusion



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$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \eta_{\tilde{t}}) = \frac{\pi^2}{8m_{\eta_{\tilde{t}}}^3} \Gamma(\eta_{\tilde{t}} \rightarrow gg) \int_{m_{\eta_{\tilde{t}}}^2/s}^1 dx \frac{m_{\eta_{\tilde{t}}}^2}{sx} g(x, Q^2) g(m_{\eta_{\tilde{t}}}^2/(sx), Q^2)$$

- recent NLO update

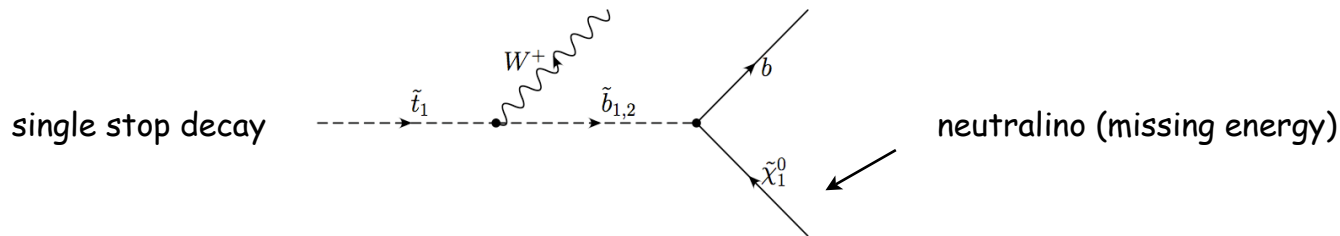


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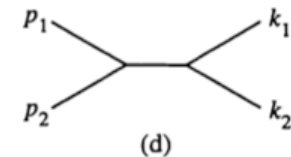
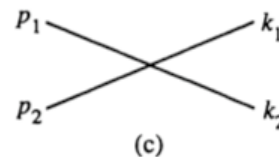
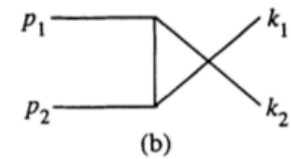
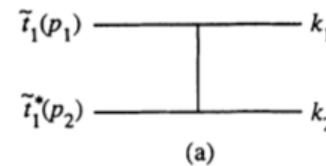
# Decays of stoponia

- Stoponia decay to Standard Model particles only
  - no missing energy signatures with LSP in the final state, e.g.



- Possible 2-body decay channels of stoponia

- bosonic final states:
  - $\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z, ZZ, WW, gg$
- fermionic final states:
  - $t\bar{t}, b\bar{b}, \mu\bar{\mu}, \text{etc.}$



# 2-body decays of stoponium

➤ Master formula for 2-body decays

$$\Gamma(\eta_{\bar{t}} \rightarrow AB) = \frac{3\lambda^{1/2}(1, m_A^2/m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}^2, m_B^2/m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}^2)}{32\pi^2(1 + \delta_{AB})} \left( \frac{2\pi f_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}^2}{m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}} \right) \langle |\mathcal{M}(AB)|^2 \rangle$$

with  $\lambda(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz - 2xz$

- for bosonic final states

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}(gg)|^2 \rangle = \frac{16}{9} g_s^4,$$

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}(\gamma\gamma)|^2 \rangle = \frac{128}{81} e^4,$$

$$\langle |\mathcal{M}(\gamma Z)|^2 \rangle = \frac{8}{9} e^2 (g^2 + g'^2) (\cos^2 \theta_{\bar{t}} - 4s_W^2/3)^2$$

- gg final state is by far the dominant

$$\Gamma(\eta_{\bar{t}} \rightarrow gg) = 73 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(\eta_{\bar{t}} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 303 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Gamma(\eta_{\bar{t}} \rightarrow \gamma Z) = 106 \text{ keV} \quad (\text{for } m_{\eta} = 100 \text{ GeV})$$

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- for fermionic final states, e.g.

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$$\mathcal{M}(\bar{t}_1 \bar{t}_1^* \rightarrow b\bar{b}) = -\delta_{h\bar{h}} 2\sqrt{3} \sqrt{m_{\bar{t}_1}^2 - m_b^2} \times \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{3} \frac{m_{\tilde{W}_i} (c_i^2 - d_i^2) + m_b (c_i^2 + d_i^2)}{m_b^2 - m_{\bar{t}_1}^2 - m_{\tilde{W}_i}^2} + \frac{gm_b}{2m_W \cos\beta} \left[ -\frac{c_{\bar{t}_1}^{(1)} \cos\alpha}{4m_{\bar{t}_1}^2 - m_{H_1}^2} + \frac{c_{\bar{t}_1}^{(2)} \sin\alpha}{4m_{\bar{t}_1}^2 - m_{H_2}^2} \right] \right\}$$

↗  
chargino exchange

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Higgs exchange

- for quarks this is totally overwhelmed by QCD backgrounds
- only the second term is present for the  $\mu\mu$  (or  $ee$  or  $\tau\tau$ ) final states - small!

# 3-body decays of stoponium

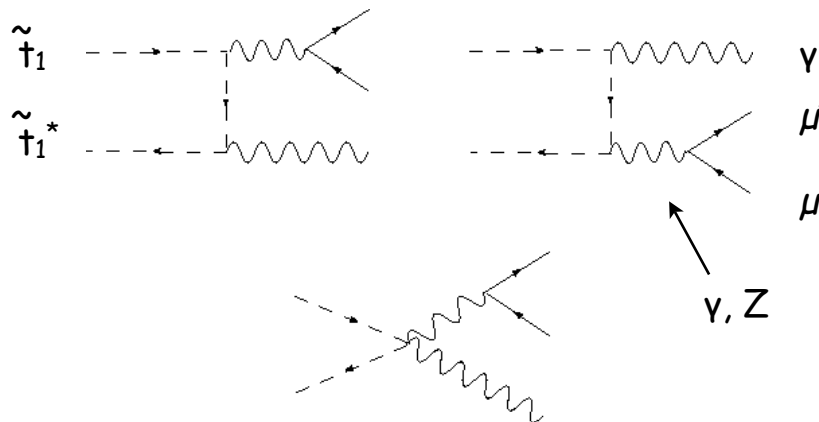
## ➤ Other ways to search for stoponium?

- leptonic 2-body decays are suppressed by helicity ( $\sim m_l^2$ )
  - but have very nice decay signatures
- bosonic 2-body decays are reasonably large
  - but have lower detection efficiencies

## ➤ How about 3-body decays (like $\mu\mu\gamma$ )?

- lower branching ratios than  $\gamma\gamma$ ...
- higher branching ratios than  $\mu\mu$

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# 3-body decays of stoponium

- 3-body decays are **not** helicity-suppressed

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{8e^3 f_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}}{9m_{ll}^2} \left[ \frac{p_S^\mu p_S^\nu}{m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}^2 - m_{ll}^2} - g^{\mu\nu} \right] \left[ (1 + Bc_V)V_\mu(k_-, k_+) + Bc_A A_\mu(k_-, k_+) \right] \varepsilon_\nu^*(q)$$

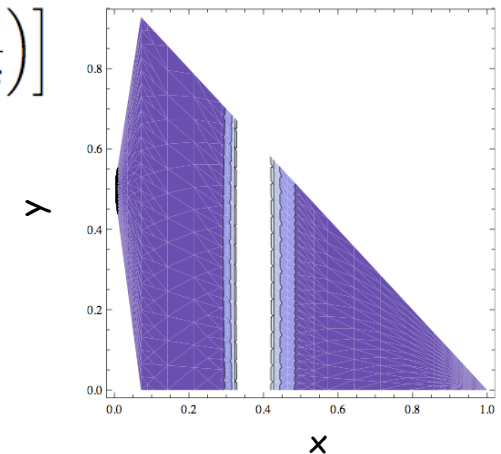
- Dalitz analyses of decays are possible

- define  $x \equiv m_{ll}^2/m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}^2$  and  $y \equiv (k_- + q)^2/m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}}^2$ :

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma}{dx dy} = \frac{64\alpha^3 f_S^2}{81m_S} \frac{|1 + B(x)c_V|^2 + |B(x)|^2 c_A^2}{x} \left[ 1 + \frac{1 - 2x}{2(1 - x)} \left( y - \frac{y^2}{1 - x} \right) \right]$$

$$\text{with } B(x) = \frac{3Q_Z^{11}}{2c_W^2 s_W^2} \frac{x}{x - x_Z + i\gamma_Z \sqrt{x_Z}}$$

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# 3-body decays of stoponium

➤ Branching ratios can be computed

- for a particular point ( $m_{\eta_{\bar{t}}} = 100$  GeV,  $f_{\eta_{\bar{t}}} = 10$  GeV,  $\cos \theta_{\bar{t}} = 0.01$ )

$$Br(gg) = 0.99 ,$$

$$Br(\gamma\gamma) = 4.1 \times 10^{-3} ,$$

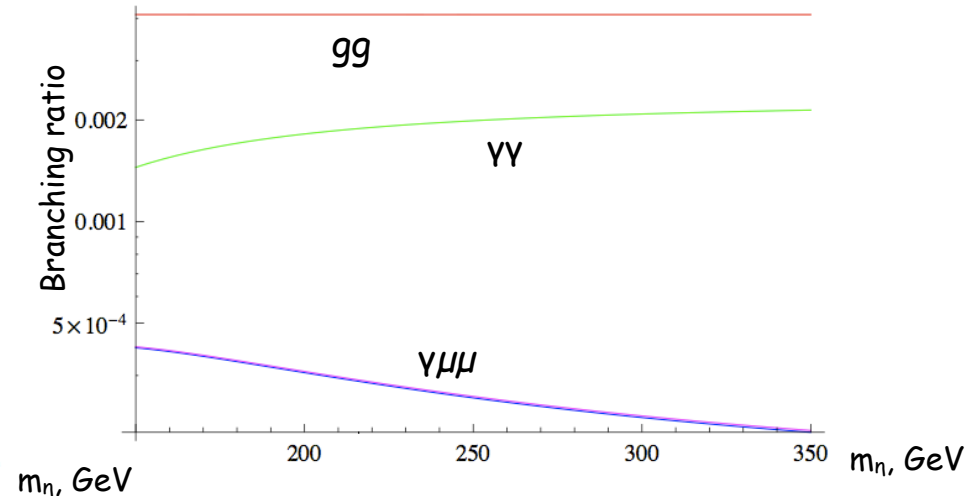
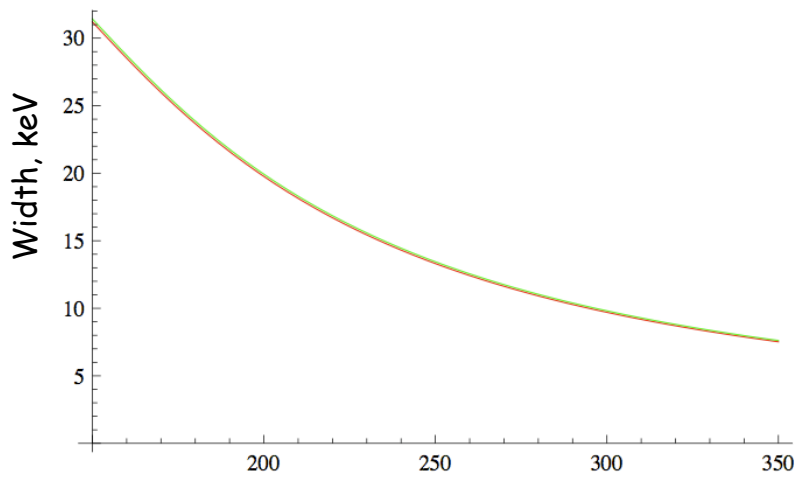
$$Br(\gamma Z) = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} ,$$

$$Br(\gamma e^+ e^-) = 0.426 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$Br(\gamma \mu^+ \mu^-) = 0.423 \times 10^{-3}$$

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➤ Comparing to other decays...





# Conclusions

- **New Physics particles can form quarkonium-like bound states**
  - can be used to extract NP particle masses
  - can be used to study QCD bound state physics in a new regime
- **Interesting interplay of different effects in the bound state**
  - besides QCD, there are other sources (Higgs exchange, etc) that affect properties of a bound state
- **Possible observations/studies in 2- and 3-body decays**
  - small decay branching ratios implies that those are NOT discovery modes, but rather tools for precision studies of properties of squarks...
  - ... provided they exist!