

# The Search for Physics Beyond the Standard Model

## *A Theorist Perspective*

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# Outline

- The standard model of particle physics: the good
- The SM of particle physics: the bad and the ugly
- What do BSM searches imply ?
- BSM without New Particles: the transition from energy to precision
- Testing the Higgs sector at the LHC and beyond
- Making connections: the Higgs, Dark Matter and beyond
- Conclusions and Outlook

# The Standard Model: The Good

## The SM is a gauge theory

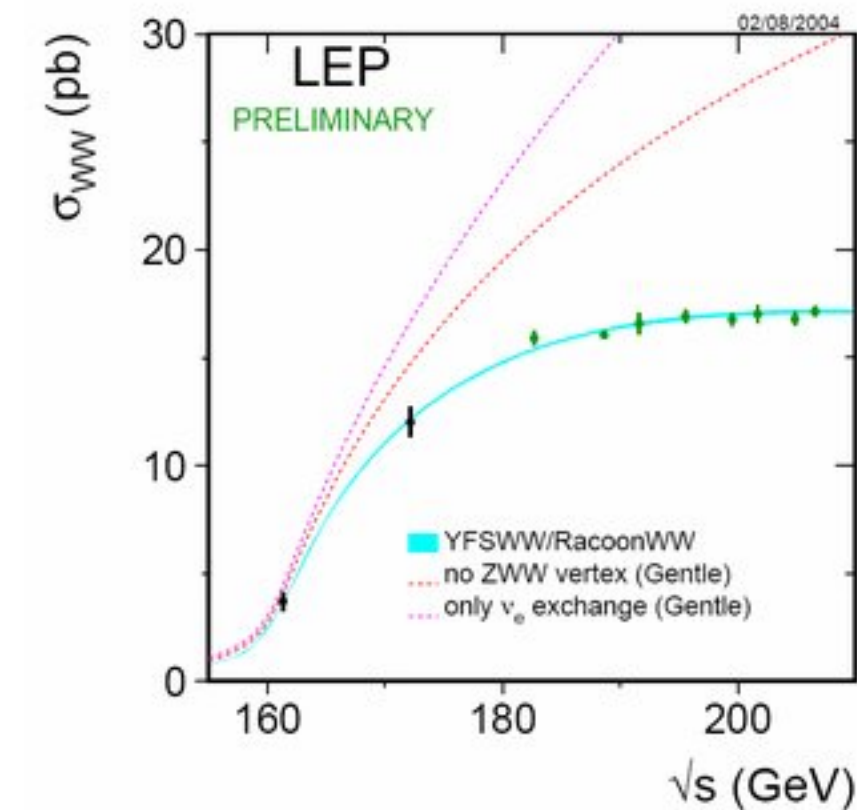
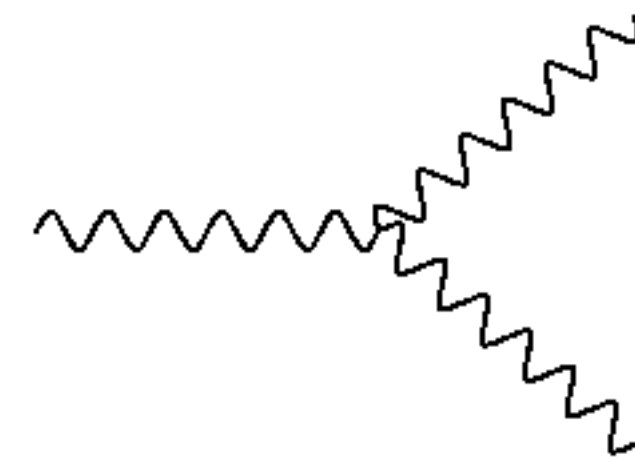
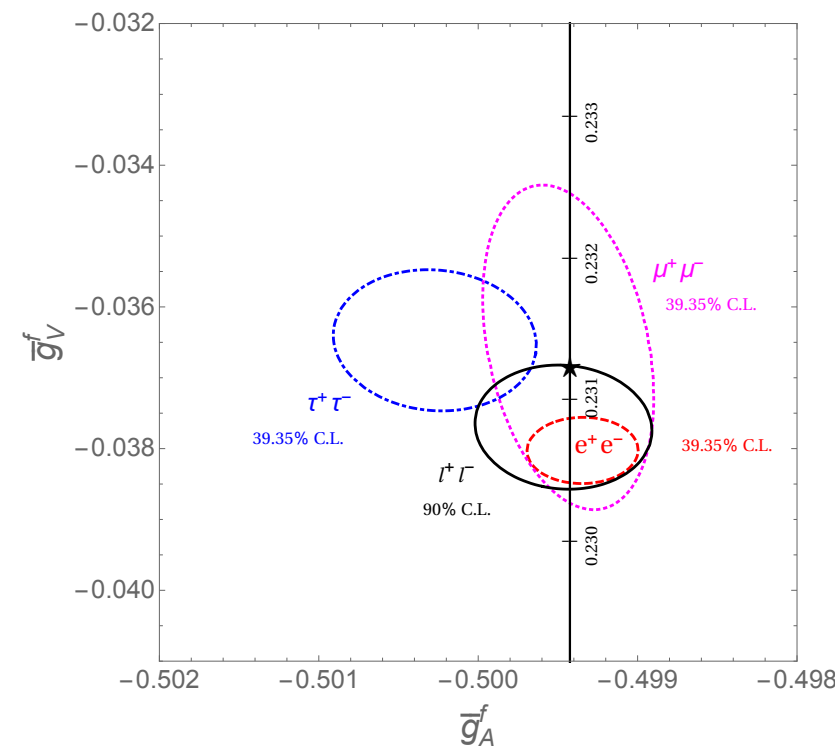
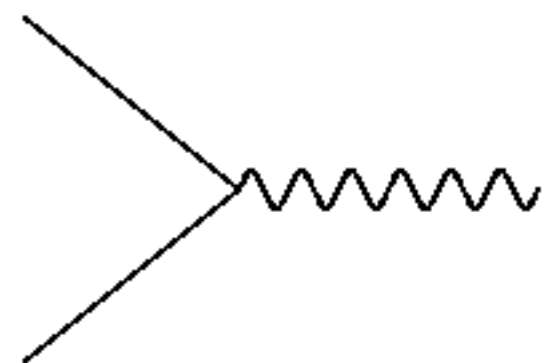
with O(1) dimensionless couplings

$$\underbrace{SU(3)}_{g_3} \times \underbrace{SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y}_{g_2 \quad g_1}$$

**Strong**
**Electroweak**

- Built with the input from experimental observations
- Some fermions feel the strong interactions (quarks). I.e. they transform under  $SU(3)$
- All SM fermions transform under the electroweak gauge group  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$
- It describes all the (gauge) interactions of all elementary particles

Gauge interactions tested with great precision at LEP, Tevatron, LHC, ...



# The Higgs Sector of the Standard Model

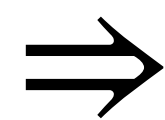
- Gauge invariance in the  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$  forbids mass terms!  $\Rightarrow$  Massless gauge bosons and fermions!
- Masses in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$  break gauge invariance explicitly
- Introduce a scalar sector to spontaneously break the electroweak symmetry

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \longrightarrow U(1)_{\text{EM}} \quad M_{W^\pm}, M_{Z^0} \neq 0 \quad M_\gamma = 0$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ scalar } SU(2)_L \text{ doublet with } Y_\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{Higgs doublet}$$

$$\text{Non-trivial minimum of } V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) = -m^2(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_h = \sqrt{2}m = \sqrt{2\lambda}v$$

$$\text{Experimentally } m_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}, \quad v \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}$$



$m \simeq 89 \text{ GeV}$  is the one and only energy scale in all of  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}$ !  
(Only scale in fundamental physics together with  $M_{\text{P}}$  and  $\Lambda_{\text{CC}}$ )

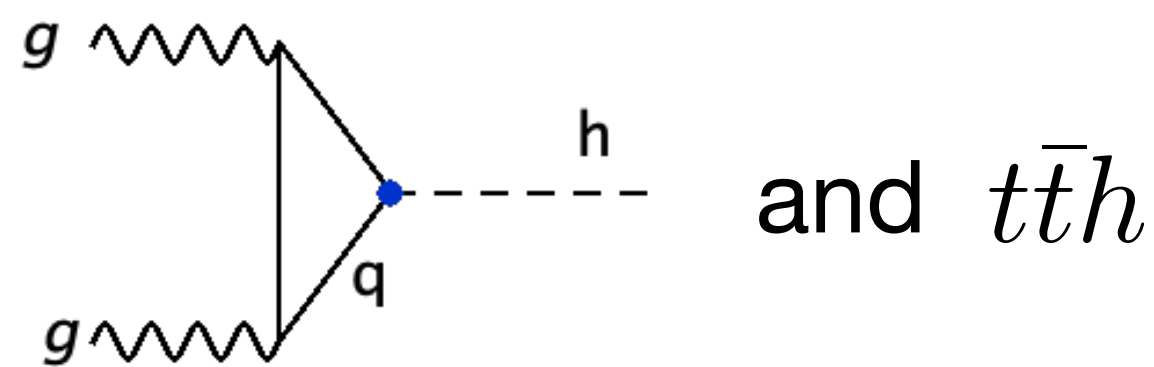
# Higgs Couplings

## To fermions

$$\lambda_f \bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \text{h.c.}$$

with 
$$\lambda_f = \frac{\sqrt{2} m_f}{v}$$

- $\lambda_t$  enters in production through ggF loop



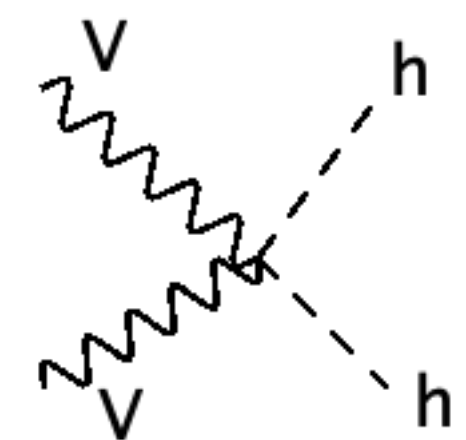
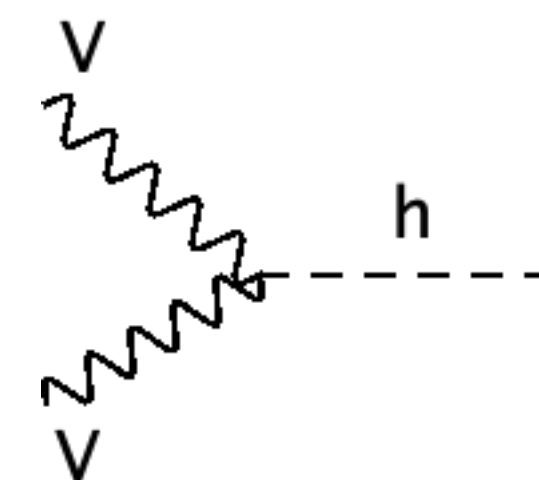
- $\lambda_b$  ggF+VH+ $t\bar{t}h$
- $\lambda_\tau$  VH+VBF+ggF
- $\lambda_\mu$  ggF+VBF

## To gauge bosons

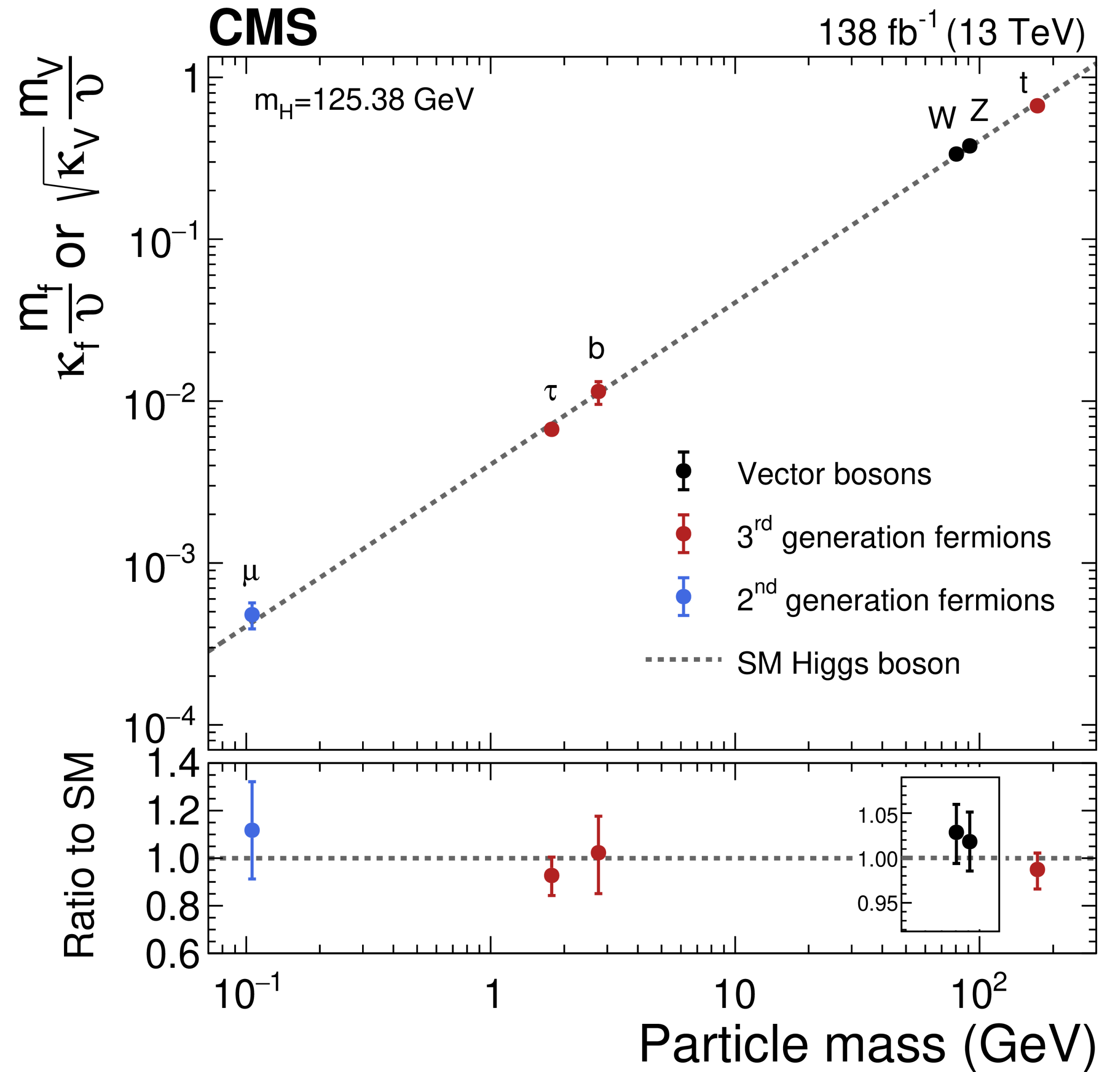
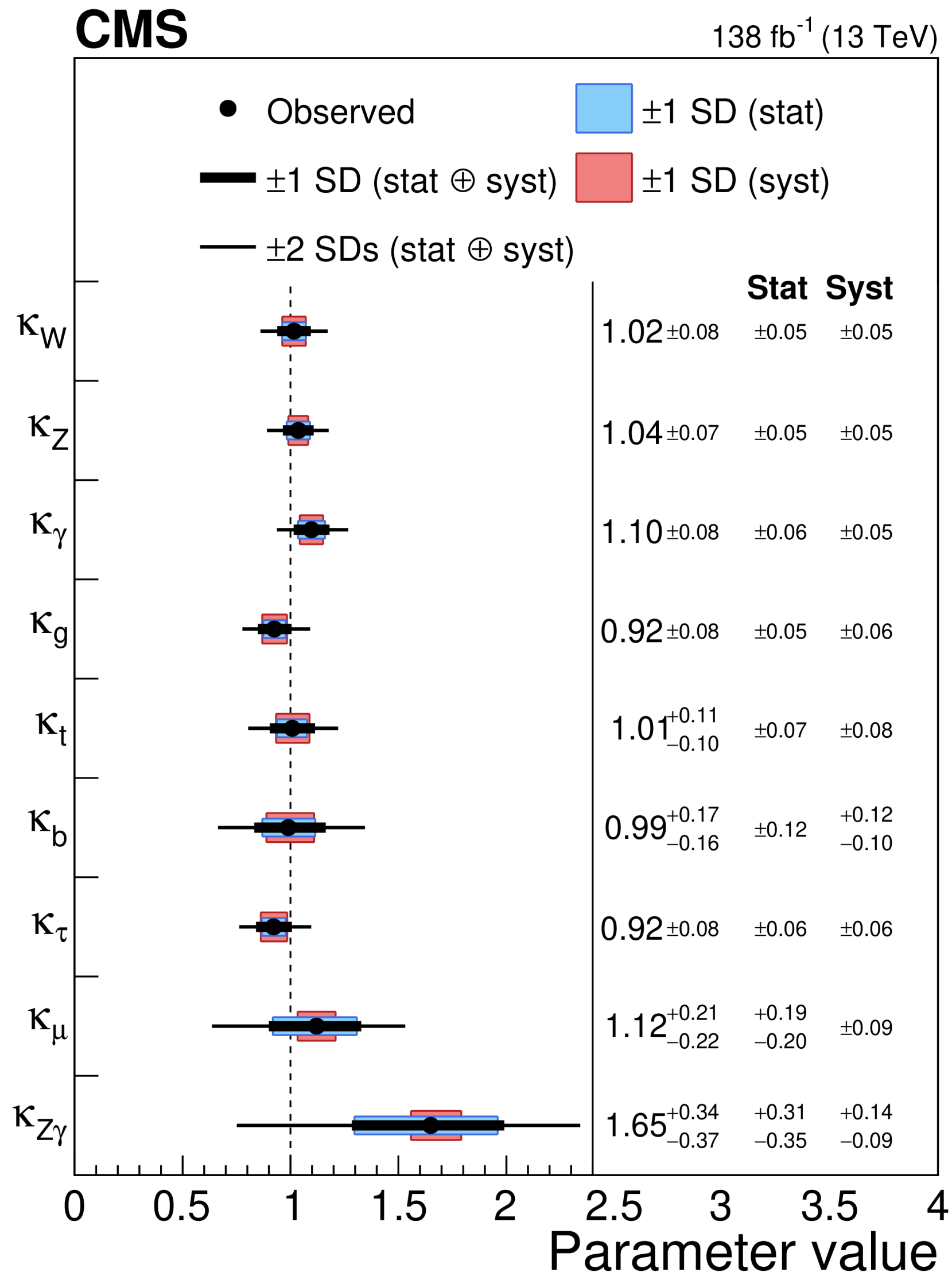
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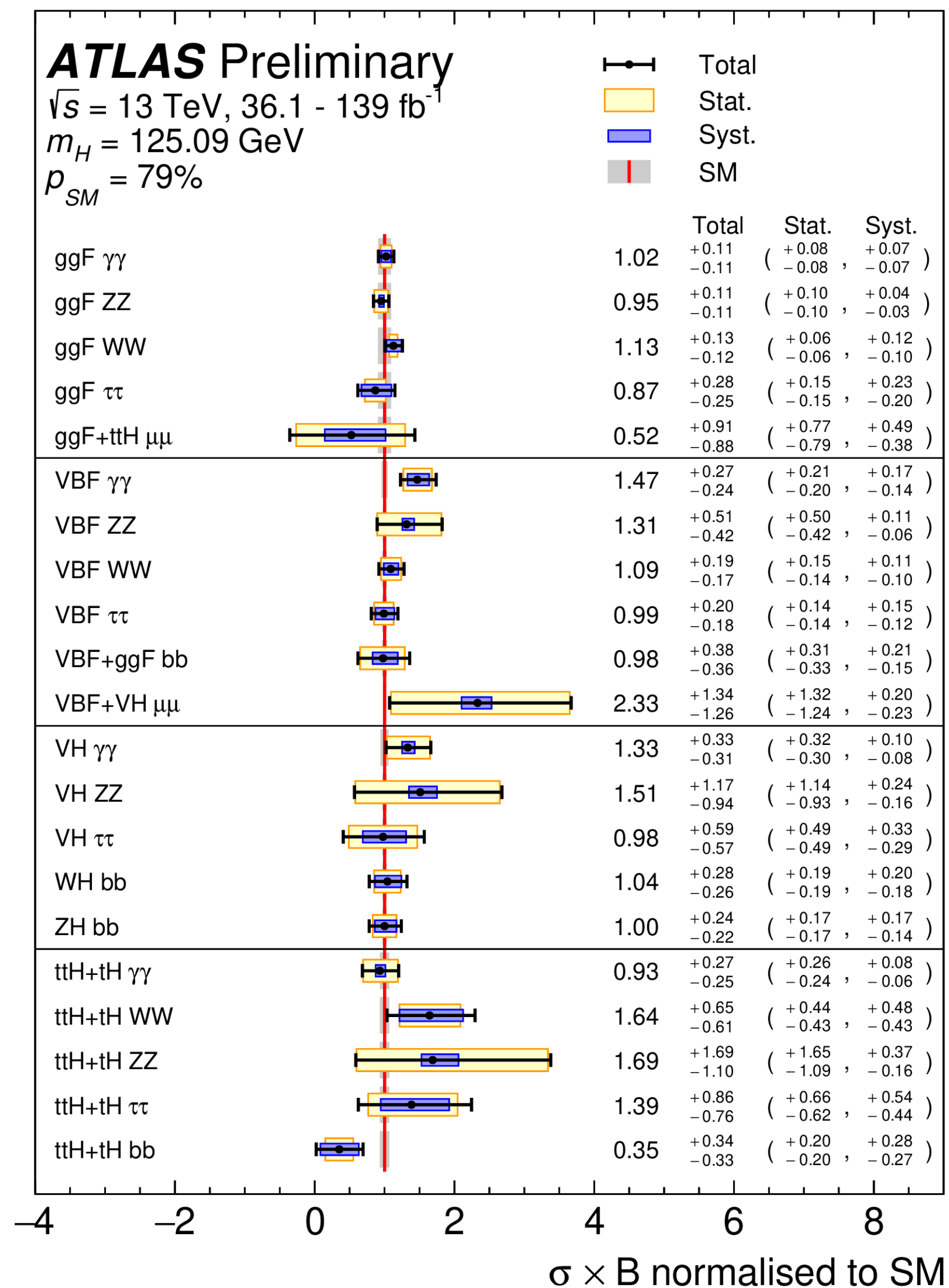
- Triple coupling tested in Higgs decays to both  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $VV^*$  at the LHC
- $g_{hhVV}$  accessible in double Higgs production



# Testing the Higgs Couplings in the SM



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Parameter	(a) $B_i = B_u = 0$	(b) $B_i$ free, $B_u \geq 0, \kappa_{W,Z} \leq 1$
$\kappa_Z$	$0.99 \pm 0.06$	$0.96^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$
$\kappa_W$	$1.06 \pm 0.06$	$1.00^{+0.00}_{-0.03}$
$\kappa_b$	$0.87 \pm 0.11$	$0.81 \pm 0.08$
$\kappa_t$	$0.92 \pm 0.10$	$0.90 \pm 0.10$
$\kappa_\mu$	$1.07^{+0.25}_{-0.30}$	$1.03^{+0.23}_{-0.29}$
$\kappa_\tau$	$0.92 \pm 0.07$	$0.88 \pm 0.06$
$\kappa_\gamma$	$1.04 \pm 0.06$	$1.00 \pm 0.05$
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$	$1.37^{+0.31}_{-0.37}$	$1.33^{+0.29}_{-0.35}$
$\kappa_g$	$0.92^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	$0.89^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$
$B_i$	-	$< 0.09$ at 95% CL
$B_u$	-	$< 0.16$ at 95% CL

# The Trouble(s) with the Standard Model

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- } *TeV scale?*

# The (In)Stability of the Electroweak Scale

The energy scale in the potential  $V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) = -m^2(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2$  has a large UV sensitivity

Quantum corrections to the Higgs mass   $\Rightarrow \Delta m_h^2 \simeq \frac{c}{16\pi^2} \Lambda^2$

And  $\Lambda$  is a high energy scale, the highest considered in the loops

Not a problem in QFT. Yes, the renormalization condition is highly tuned

$(m_h^2)_{\text{phys.}} = \Delta m_h^2 + \delta m_h^2$  But after removing  $\Lambda$  dependence by RC,  $m_h^2(\mu)$  runs logarithmically

However, if heavy states of mass  $M$  couple to the Higgs with coupling  $y$

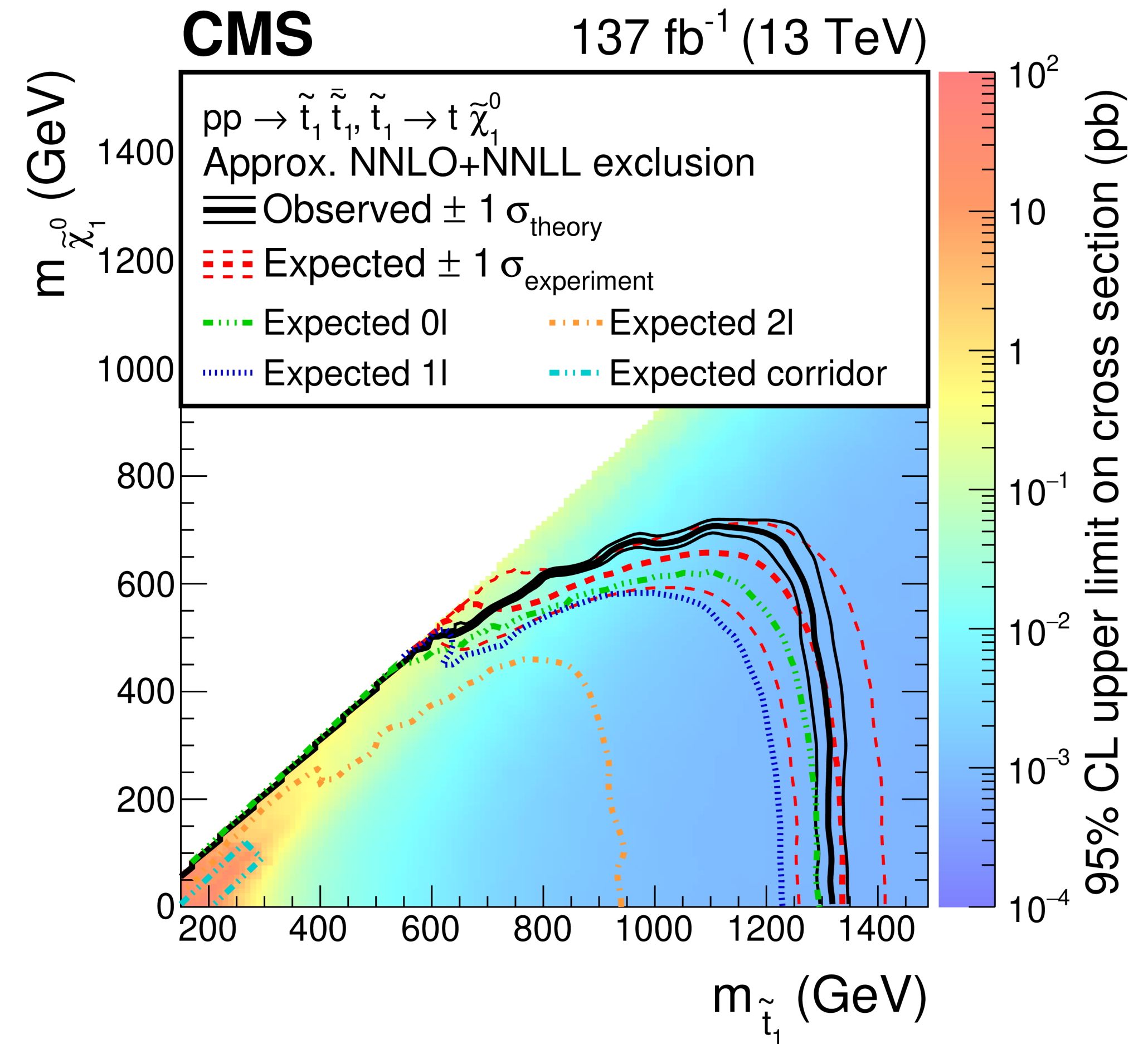
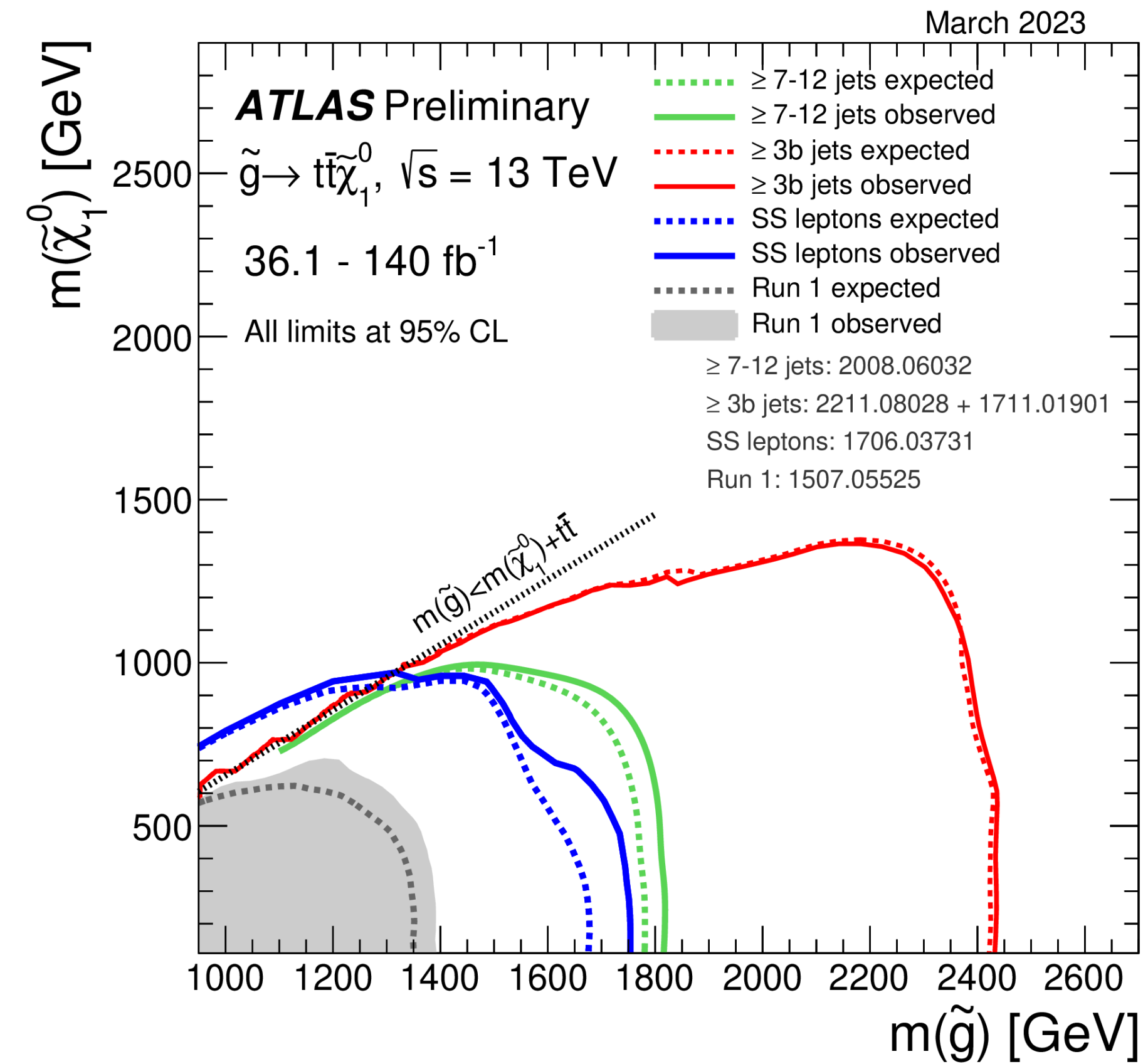
They result in large threshold corrections  $\Delta m_h^2 \simeq \frac{y^2}{16\pi^2} M^2$  we recover the hierarchy problem

Motivation to have new physics either at  $\Lambda$  or  $M$  scales not too far above the electroweak scale

# Searches for Physics Beyond the SM

New Particles enter in the quantum corrections so as to diminish the UV sensitivity of  $m_h^2$

## SUSY



# SUSY Searches

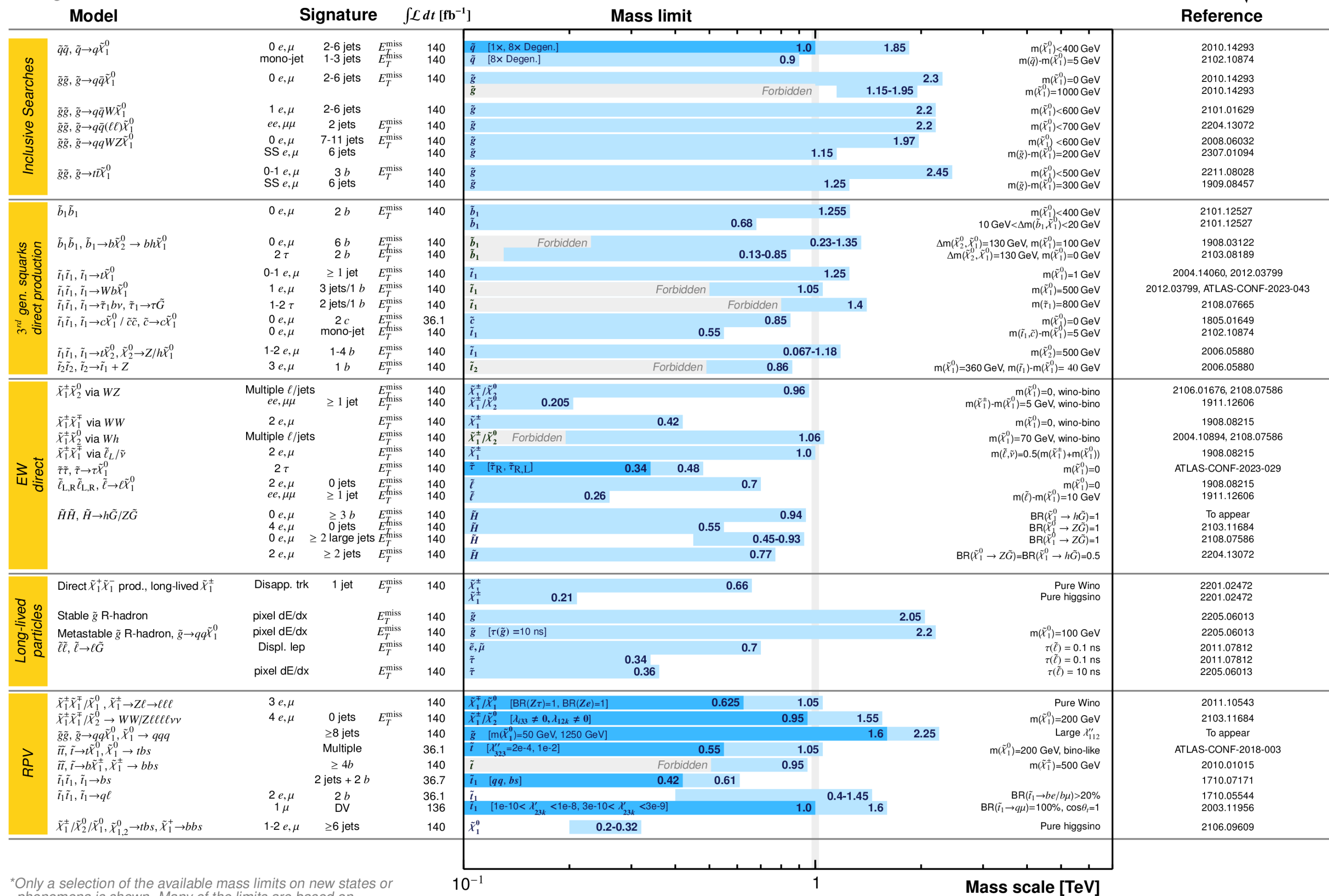
ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits  
August 2023

ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$

Difficult to avoid bounds on stops and sbottoms from reaching 600-700 GeV

This makes the SUSY solution to the UV sensitivity of  $m_h$ , fine tuned typically  $\ll 1\%$ .

However, this is what SUSY needs to get  $m_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$  correctly



\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

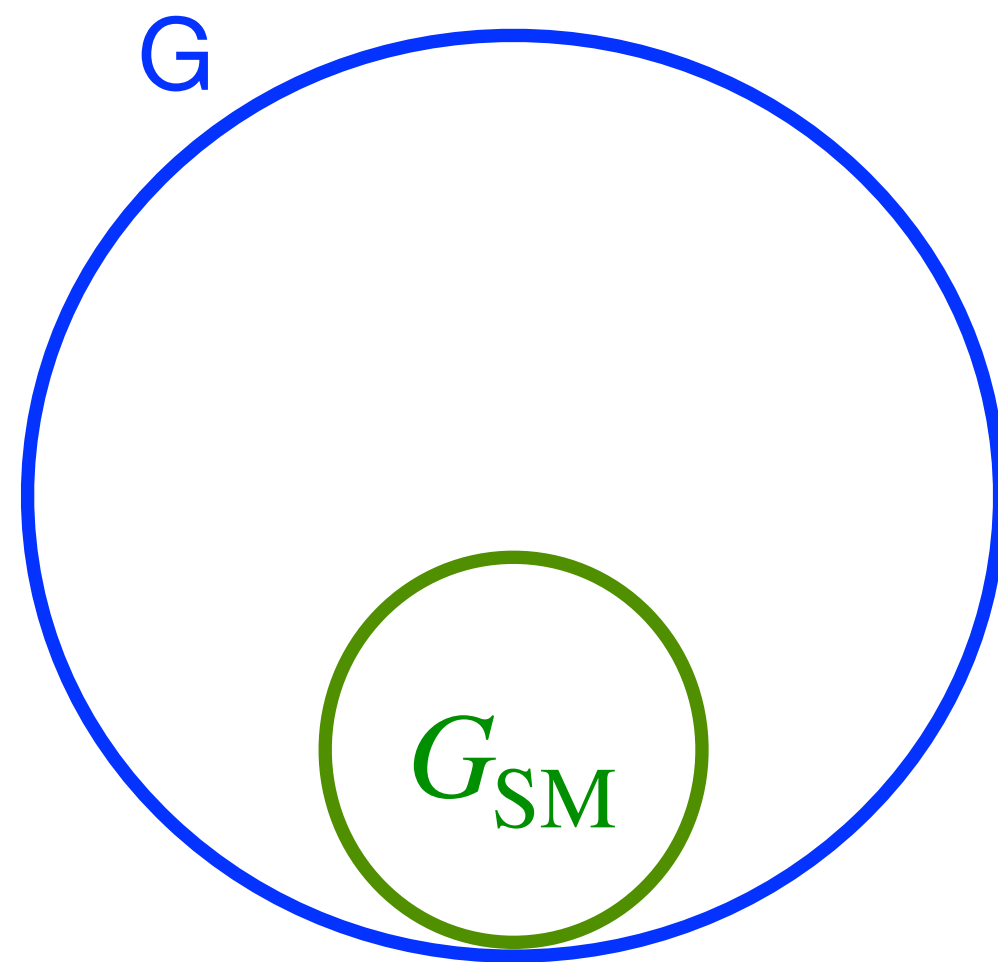
# Searches for Physics Beyond the SM

## Composite Higgs Models

- Long history of non-elementary Higgs boson
  - Technicolor. Many problems. Plus: no Higgs! ✗
  - Topcolor. Main problem: heavier Higgs. ✗
  - Modern CHMs: Higgs is a (pseudo) Nambu-Goldstone boson ✓

*K. Agashe, R. Contino, A. Pomarol, 2005*

$$m_h \ll \Lambda_{\text{BSM}} \simeq \text{TeV} \quad \text{analogous to} \quad m_\pi \ll \Lambda_{\text{hadronic}} \simeq \text{GeV}$$



**G** is a global symmetry *spontaneously* broken at  $f \Rightarrow$  massless Higgs

**SM** interactions *explicitly* break **G**  $\Rightarrow$  Generate  $V(H)$  and  $m_h$

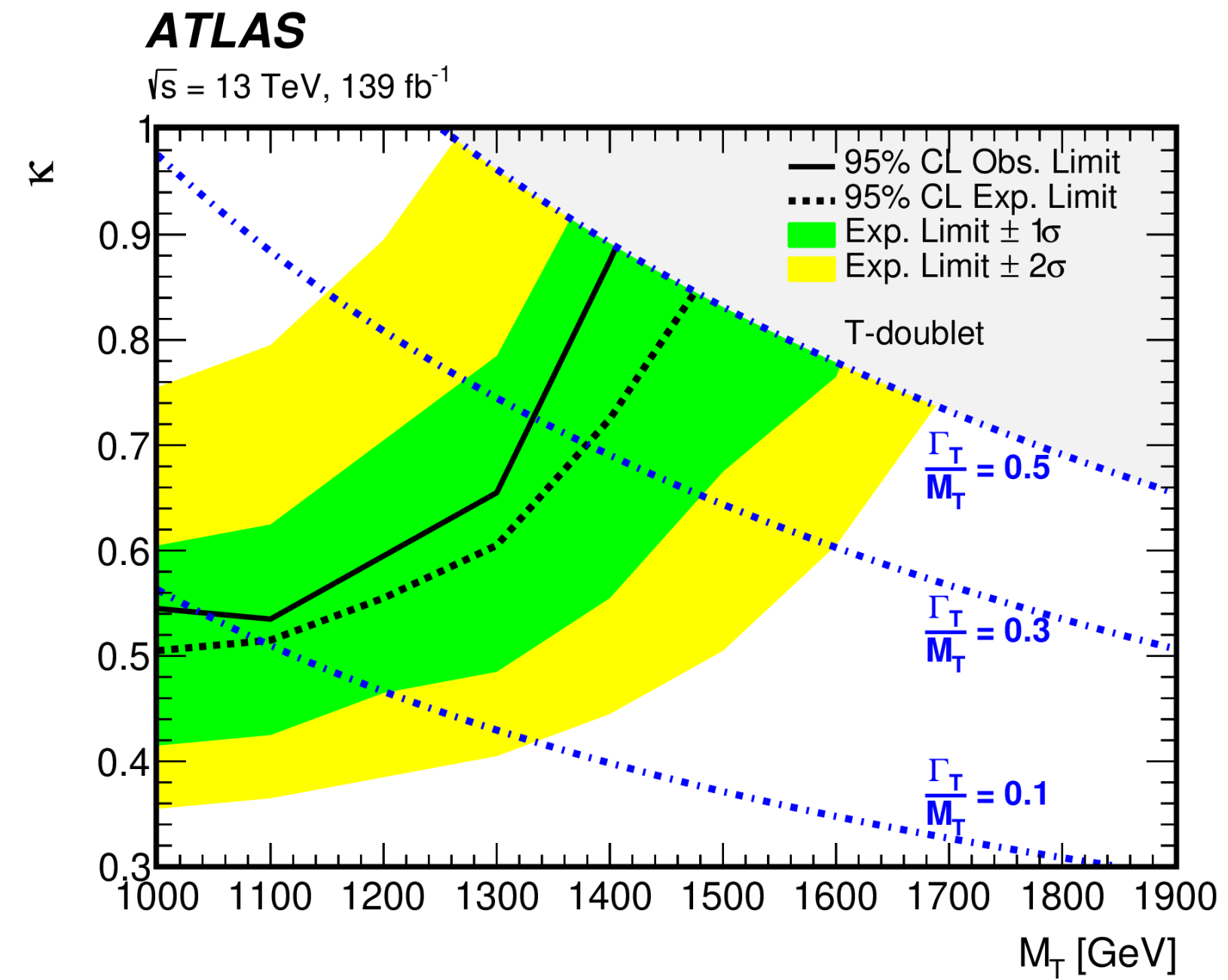
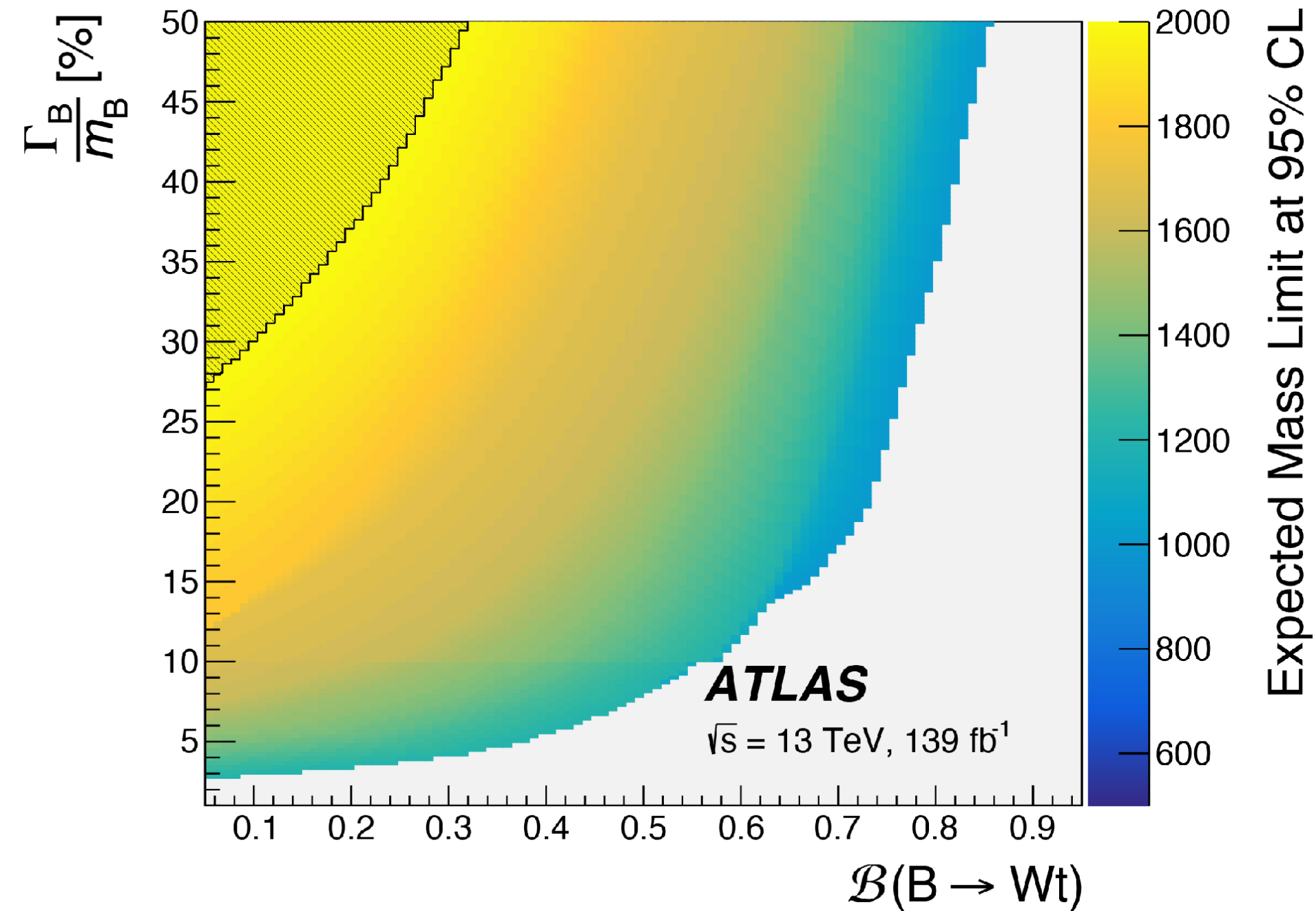
Minimal model: just enough pNGBs to make a **H** doublet

MCHM:  $SO(5)/SO(4)$

# Searches in CHMs

In CHMs vector and fermion resonances responsible for taming the UV sensitivity in  $m_h$

Fermion resonances:



Resonance bounds are typically above 1 TeV. Similarly for vector resonances.

Still not as finely tuned as SUSY since H is a pNGB.

# BSM without New Particles

- The energy frontier will stay at the LHC for some time. HL-LHC up to 2030s.
- Look for hidden/dark sectors: dark sector/DM searches at various energies
- Test the SM with precision, low(er) energies: Flavor Physics, Electroweak tests
- Precision Tests of the Higgs Sector: Higgs Couplings to everything

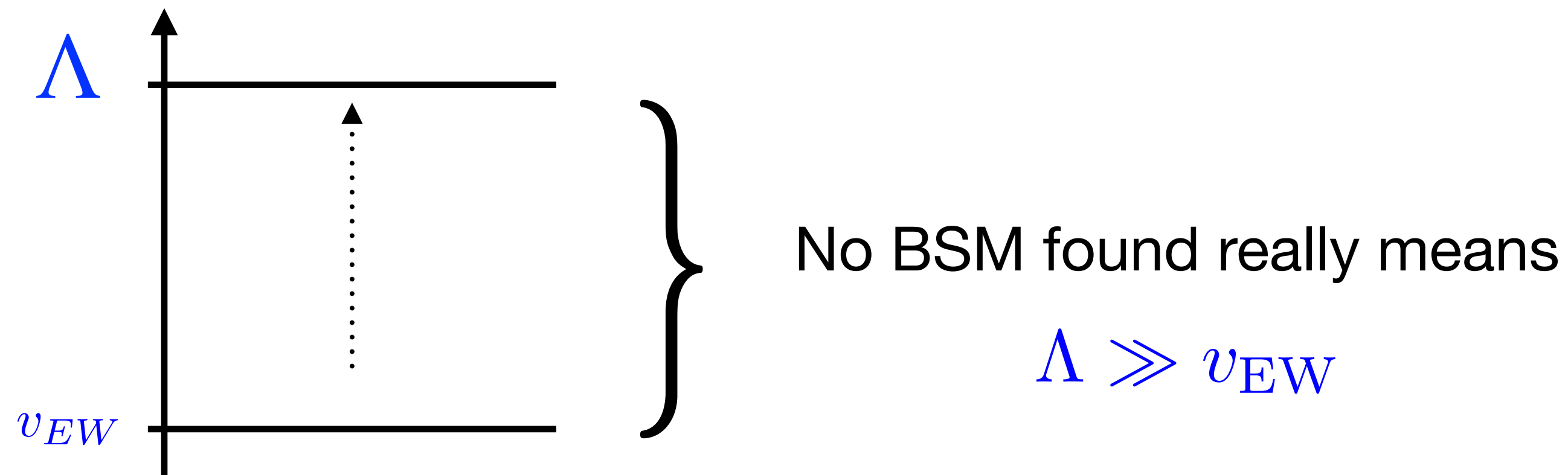
Higgs as a window to new dynamics BSM  
+  
Energy Frontier: at  $\sqrt{s} \simeq 14$  TeV for a while }  $\Rightarrow$  Understand Higgs couplings  
at the LHC/HL-LHC

# Effective Field Theory Approach

- New physics encoded in expansion in local HDOs suppressed by a cutoff  $\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i,n>4} \frac{c_i^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(n)} \quad \text{SMEFT} \quad \text{Brivio and Trott (2019)}$$

- Model Independent requires **59** operators up to dimension 6.
- Correlated constraints from EW and Higgs data.



- Contradicts expectation from  $m_h$  UV sensitivity.



# The Higgs Potential

In the SM we have

$$V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) = -m^2\Phi^\dagger\Phi + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2 \quad \text{and using} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{m^2}{\lambda}} \quad \text{from minimization}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_h = -\frac{1}{2}m_h^2 h^2 - \frac{g_h^3}{3!} h^3 - \frac{g_h^4}{4!} h^4$$

with

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_h = \sqrt{2\lambda} v \\ g_h^3 = \frac{3m_h^2}{v} \\ g_h^4 = \frac{3m_h^2}{v^2} \end{array} \right.$$

But HDOs could be present

$$V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) = -m^2(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2 + \frac{c}{\Lambda^2}(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^3 + \frac{d}{\Lambda^4}(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^4 + \dots$$

Test the “shape” of the Higgs potential.

# The Higgs Potential

Require experimental access to (at least) double Higgs production



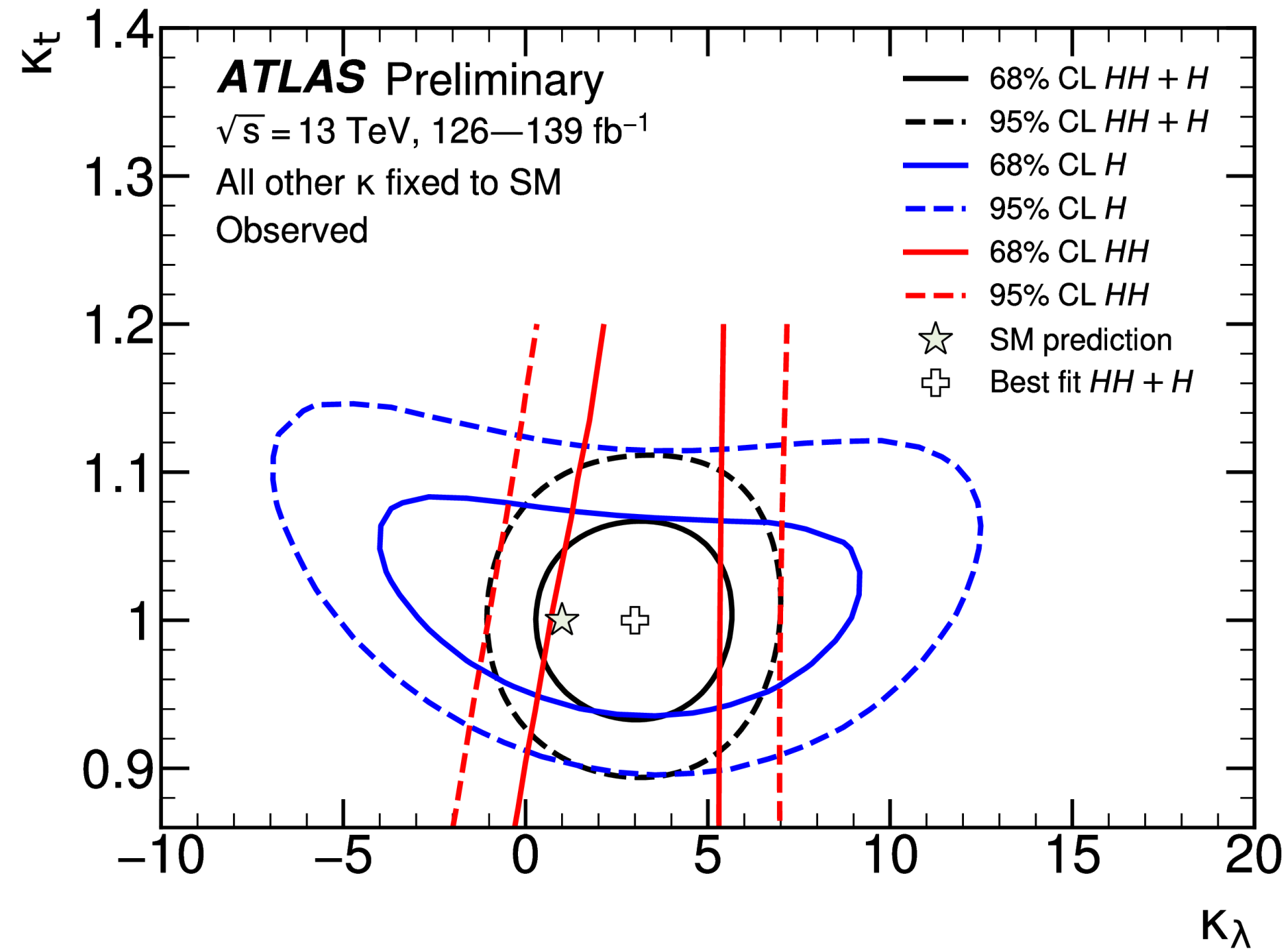
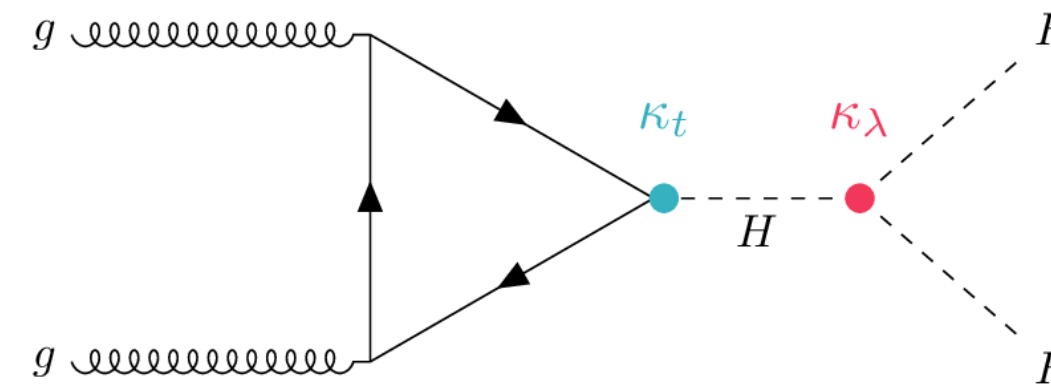
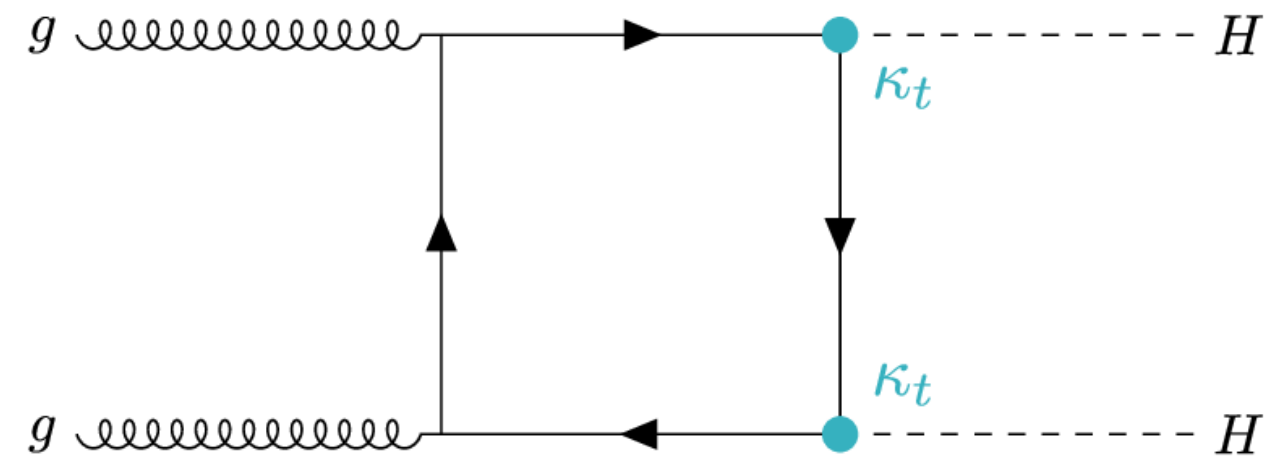
Fundamental question: is the coupling extracted from the measurement of  $m_h$  really the Higgs self-coupling? We will begin attacking this question at the HL-LHC.

From  $m_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$  using  $m_h = \sqrt{2\lambda} v$  and  $v \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}$

We arrive at  $\lambda \simeq 0.13$

Measurements of  $\lambda$  in multi-Higgs production directly test the shape of the Higgs potential

# Higgs Self-Coupling from Di-Higgs Production



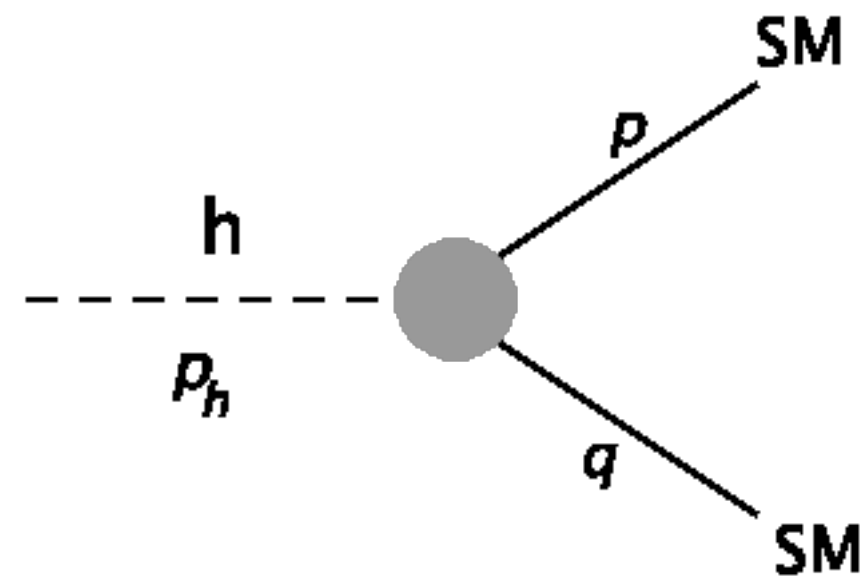
A long way to go for the HL-LHC  
and beyond

5% measurement of  $\lambda$  only at the FCC-ee

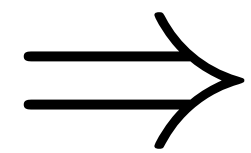
# Searching for BSM through the Higgs

## Higgs Couplings as a window to BSM physics

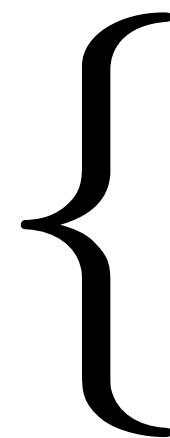
New physics can generate momentum dependence in couplings



Requires off shell momentum



Form factor in Higgs couplings



*Isidori, Trott (2014)*

*Bellazzini, Csaki, et al. (2016)*

*Gonçalves, Han, Mukhopadhyay (2018)*

# Off-Shell Higgs and BSM Effects

## Model dependent approach

*Pedro Bittar, GB, 2022*

Compute the Higgs form factors in a specific model  full momentum dependence

Matching with EFT may require operators of  $\text{dim} > 6$  to capture full non-local features

**Loose** generality, **Gain** in power of data to constrain specific BSM not directly accessible

“Scan” over models so as to cover all signals : where is the momentum dependence coming from ?

- Higgs line
- Gauge boson line
- Fermion line

# Example: Mixing with an Unparticle Scalar Sector

Scalar unparticle operator  $\phi(x)$  of dimension  $d$   $1 < d < 2$

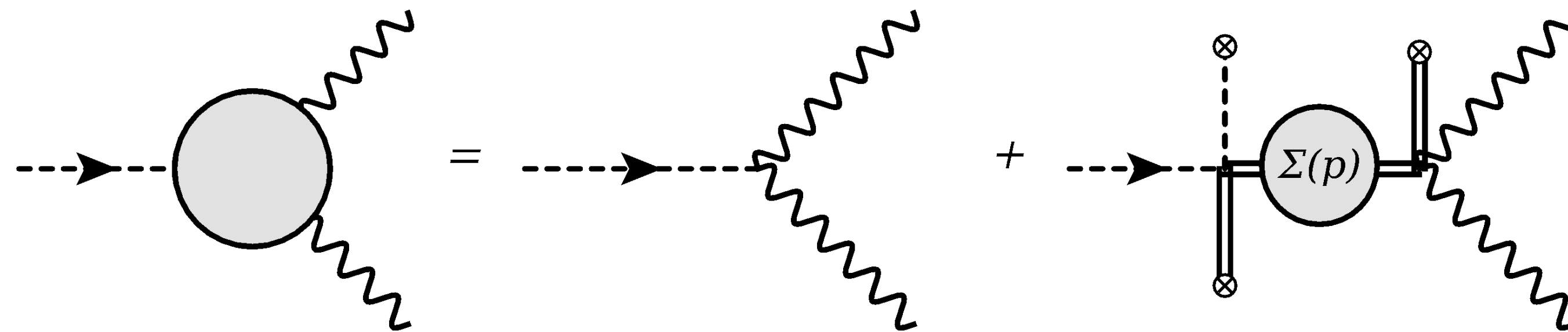
*Fox, Rajaraman, Shirman (2007)*

*Cacciapaglia, Marandella, Terning (2008)*

2-point function with IR cutoff  $\mu$

$$\Delta(p, \mu, d) = \int d^4x \langle 0 | \mathcal{T} \phi(x) \phi^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle = \frac{A_d}{2\pi} \int_{\mu^2}^{\infty} ds (s - \mu^2)^{d-2} \frac{i}{p^2 - s + i\epsilon},$$

Non-local action 
$$S_{\text{NL}} = \int d^4x \left\{ \phi^\dagger (D^2 - \mu^2)^{2-d} \phi + \alpha |H|^2 \frac{|\phi|^2}{\Lambda^{2(d-1)}} \right\}$$

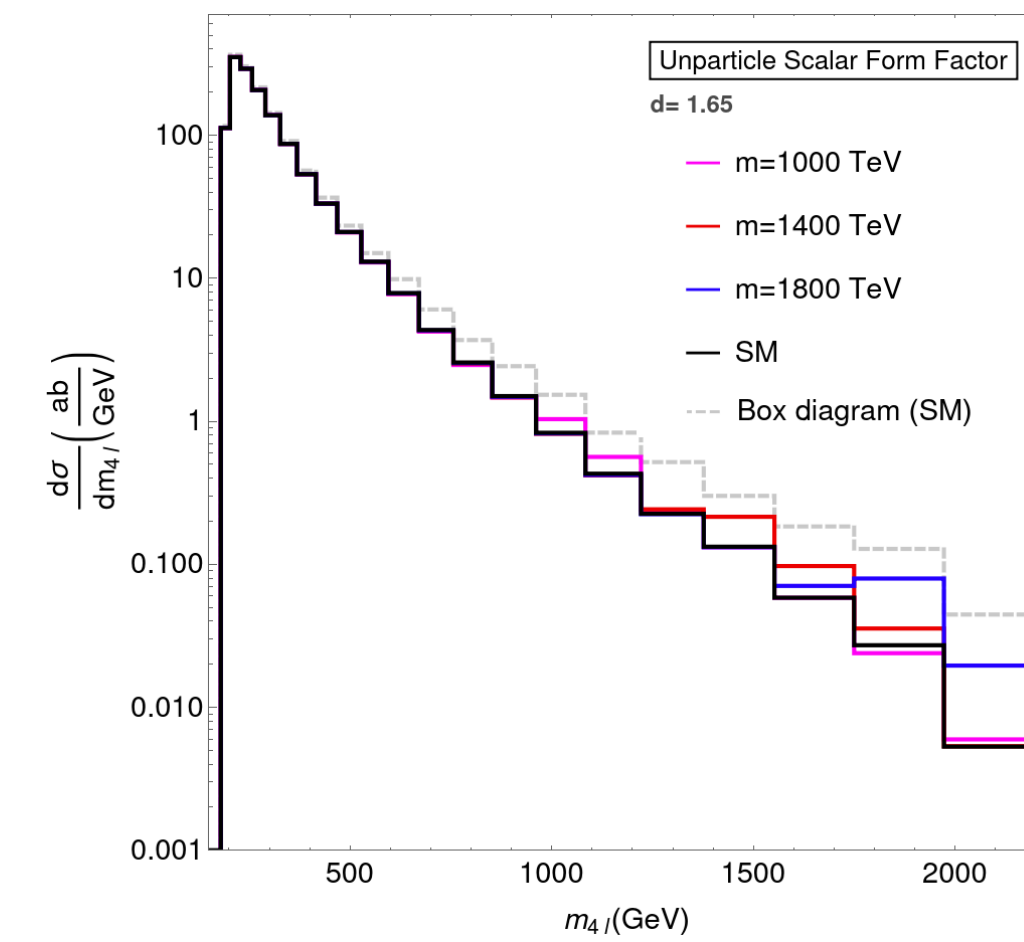
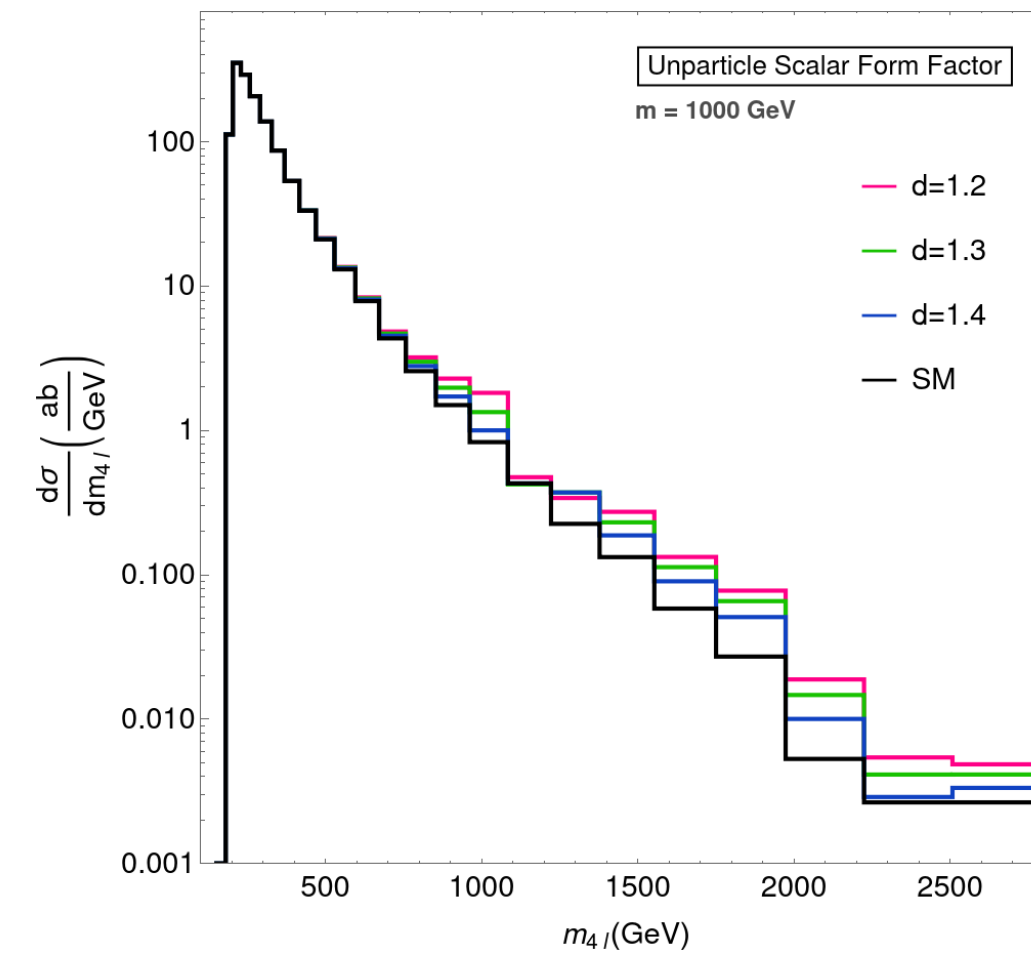
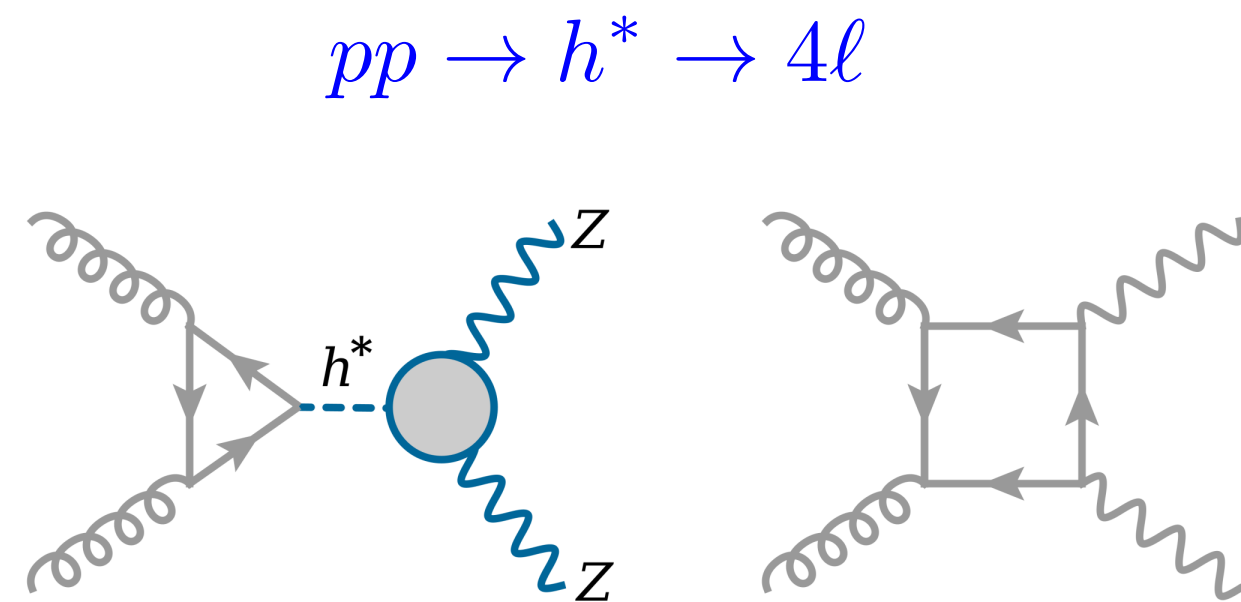
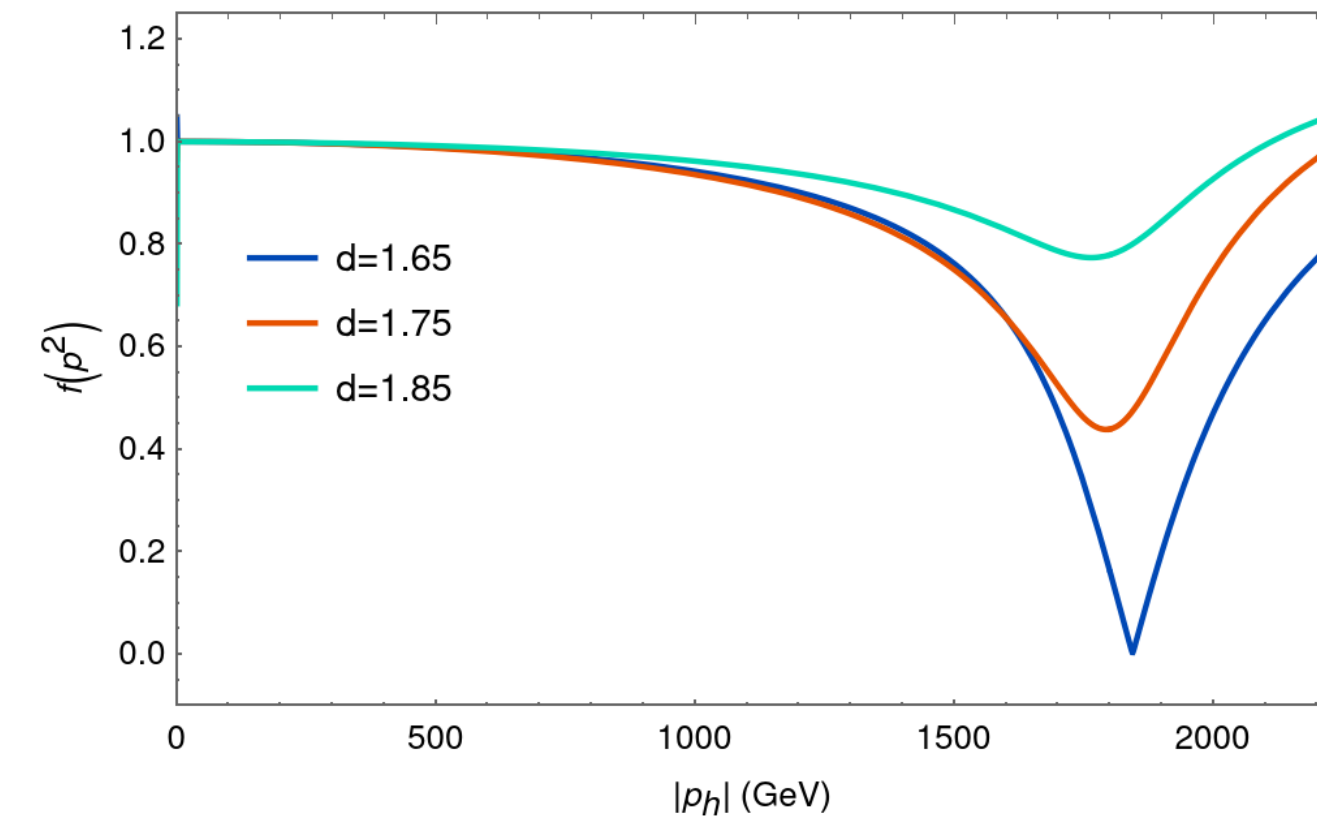
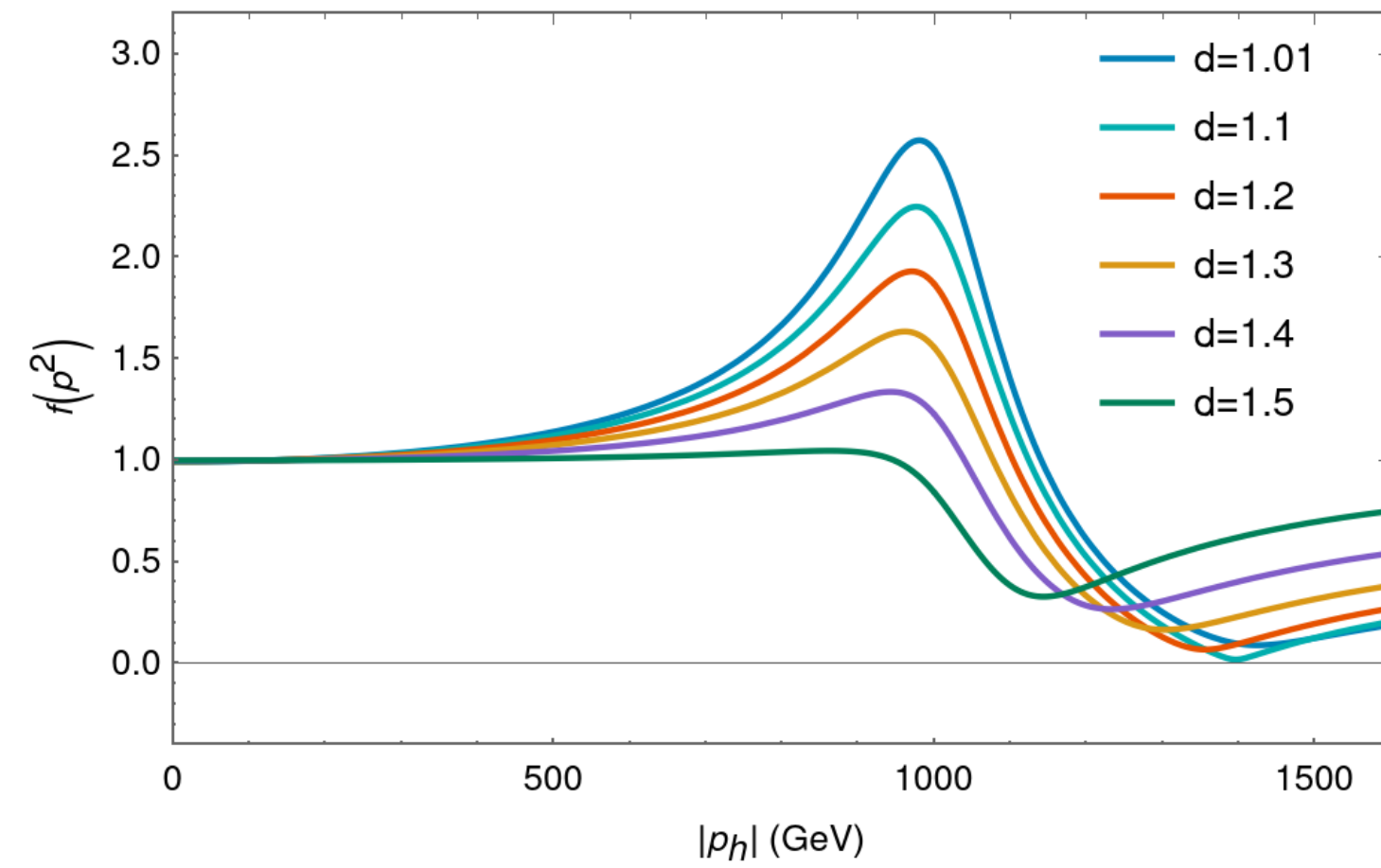


# Form Factor from an Unparticle Scalar Sector

Results for  $f_{hVV}(q^2)$  with off shell Higgs, on shell gauge bosons

*P. Bittar, G.B. 2022*

$\mu = 1 \text{ TeV}$



# Another Example: the Twin Higgs

*Z. Chacko, H. Goh and R. Harnik, 2005*

- The Higgs is a pNGB, just as in CHMs
- New states controlling the UV sensitivity in  $m_h$  are in an invisible (twin) sector
- In the Mirror Twin Higgs, two copies of the SM are related by a  $Z_2$  symmetry
- Exact  $Z_2$  means  $f = v$ . Excluded by Higgs phenomenology (invisible decays, couplings)
- Need soft  $Z_2$  breaking so that  $\frac{f}{v} \gtrsim 3 \Rightarrow$  Twin particles somewhat heavier than SMs

All Higgs couplings to SM are suppressed by a factor of  $\cos\left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}f}\right)$

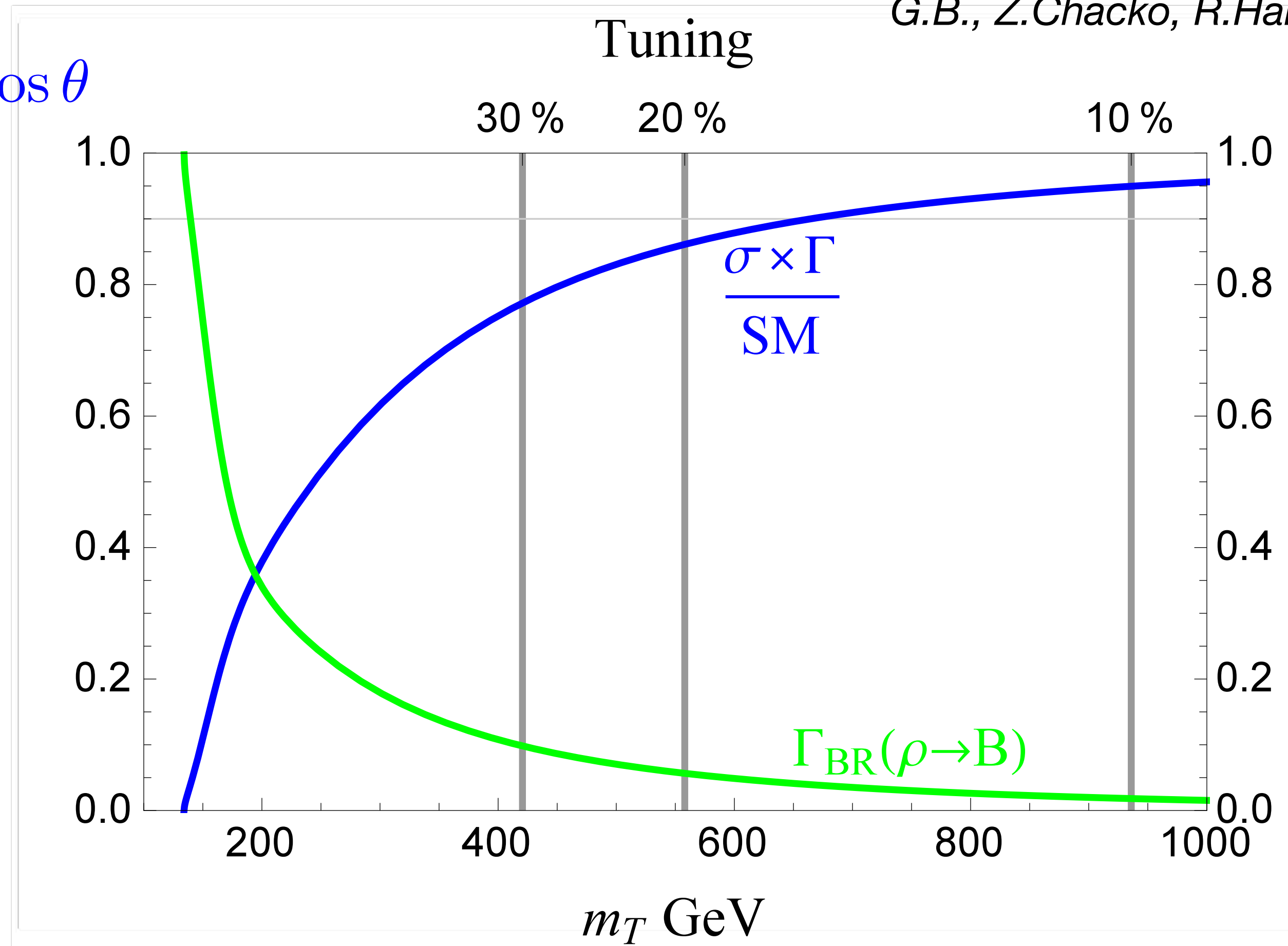


# Future Bounds on the Twin Higgs

It is hard to constraint the MTH at the LHC

*G.B., Z.Chacko, R.Harnik, L. Lima, C. Verhaaren, 2014*

Here  $m_T = \lambda_t f \cos \theta$



⇒ MTH to remain natural well into the HL-LHC

# Other aspects of the Mirror Twin Higgs

## Cosmology:

- Potentially large contribution to  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}$  from twin neutrinos and photon
- Many possible solutions: give twin  $\nu$ 's large masses, asymmetric reheating, ...

## Dark Matter:

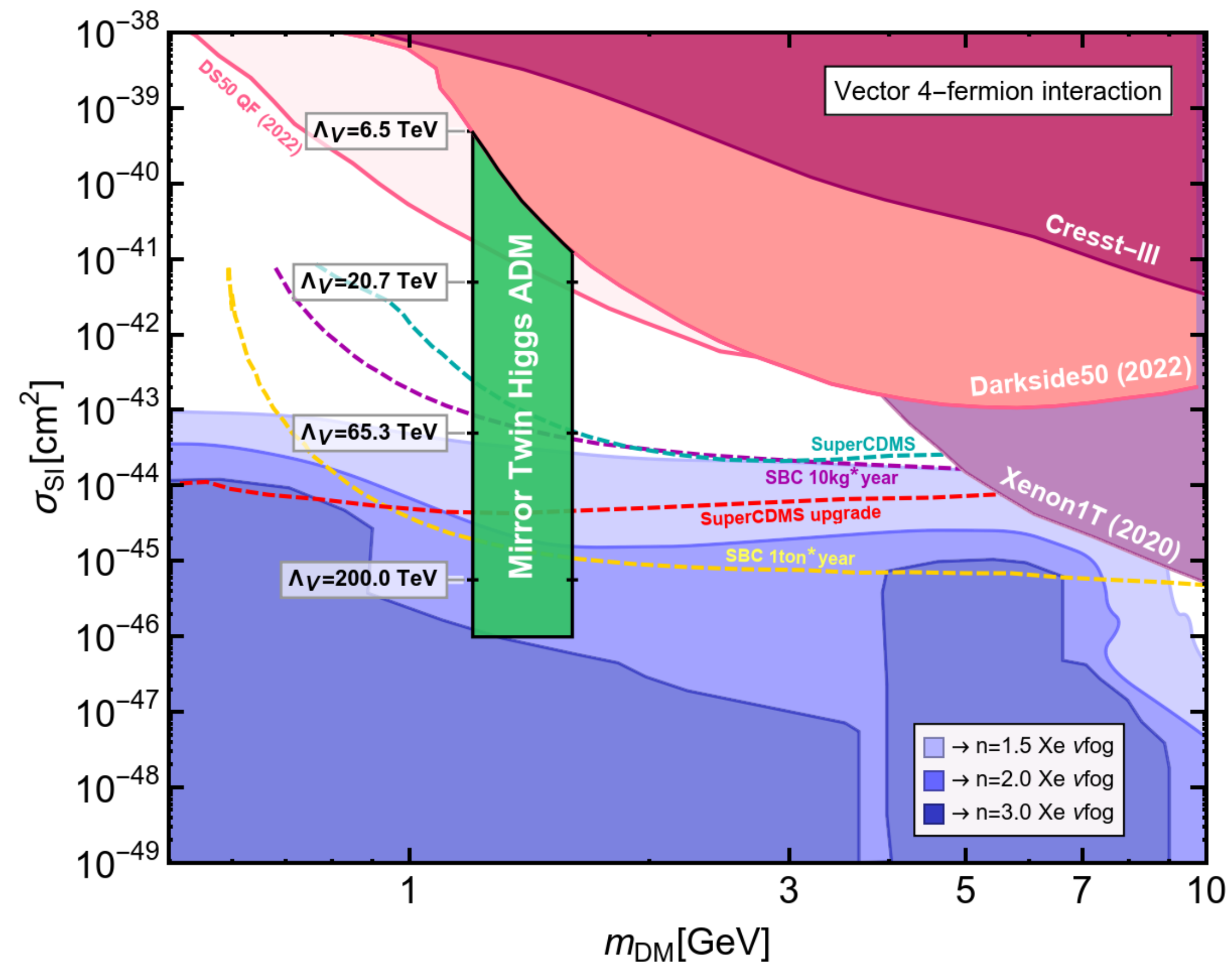
- Mirror standard model playground for DM model building
- Thermal relic, asymmetric DM, ...
- Details depend on twin matter content (e.g. Mirror vs. Fraternal), on  $Z_2$  breaking, ...

# Asymmetric Dark Matter in the Mirror Twin Higgs

ADM in the MTH naturally just around  $O(1)$  GeV

*Pedro Bittar, G.B, Larissa Pastrello, 2023*

Twin quarks heavier  $\Rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{QCD}} \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \Rightarrow m_{\text{DM}} \simeq 1.4 m_N$



# Summary and Outlook

- No evidence for BSM in direct searches at the LHC, or in flavor physics.
- Next BSM frontier: precision measurements involving the Higgs boson
  - Energy frontier closing for sometime. HL-LHC → 2030s-2040
- Future accelerators:
  - Higgs factory. FCC-ee great reach in precision, including 5% in  $\lambda$ . (Would start 2048!?)
  - FCC-hh 100 TeV (same tunnel as FCC-ee at CERN ⇒ 2070s !)
  - Muon Collider: 3 TeV, 10 TeV ? (Off real axis right now, but ...)
- A lot of interesting correlations between DM searches and accelerator physics still happening  
This will continue throughout the HL-LHC lifetime.  
These include new experiments coming on line for highly displaced vertices: Dark Sectors, BAU, ...