

# External-leg corrections as an origin of large logarithms

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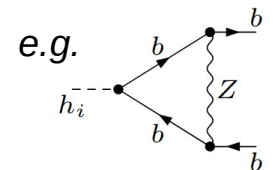
# Introduction

# Motivation

- Numerous reasons to expect BSM physics (e.g. DM, baryon asymmetry, hierarchy problem)
- BSM theories commonly involve **additional scalars**, e.g.
  - **Extended Higgs sectors** → bottom-up extensions of the SM (singlet extensions, 2HDM, N2HDM, ...), supersymmetric models (MSSM, NMSSM, ...)
  - **Scalar partners** → SUSY, ...
- To correctly determine the viable parameter space of BSM models, and assess discovery sensitivities of BSM scalars, **precise theory predictions for the production and decay processes of the new scalars are needed**
- Lack of experimental results tends to **favour heavier BSM states**  
*(light states with small couplings to SM also possible, but we won't consider this in this talk)*

# Large logarithms

- Calculations in QFT notoriously known to be plagued by (potential) **large logs**, when **widely separated mass scales** are present
- Among the possible types of large logarithms:
  - Logs involving ratio of high and low mass scales, in calculation of quantity/observable at low scale, e.g.  $\log(M_{\text{SUSY}}/m_t)$  in SUSY Higgs mass calculations (see review [Slavich, Heinemeyer, et al. '20])
    - Solution: *Resummation of logs via Effective Field Theory*
  - Sudakov logarithms in QCD
    - Solution: *exponentiation, or Soft-Collinear Effective Theory (SCET)*
  - Electroweak Sudakov logarithms (related to exchange of Z, W, h)
    - Solution: *SCET*



**Here: we point out a new type of large, Sudakov-like, logarithms appearing in external-leg corrections involving heavy scalars**

# Large logarithms from external legs: toy model example

# A simple toy model

- Three scalars  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3$ , and a Dirac fermion  $\chi$
- $Z_2$ -symmetry (unbroken):  $\Phi_1 \rightarrow -\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \rightarrow -\Phi_2, \Phi_3 \rightarrow \Phi_3, \chi \rightarrow \chi$
- Consider a hierarchy where  $m_1 \ll m_2, m_3$

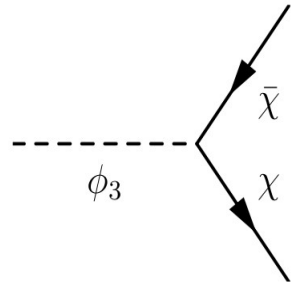
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{int.}} = & -\frac{1}{2}A_{113}\phi_1^2\phi_3 - A_{123}\phi_1\phi_2\phi_3 - \frac{1}{2}A_{223}\phi_2^2\phi_3 - \frac{1}{6}A_{333}\phi_3^3 \\ & -\frac{1}{24}\lambda_{1111}\phi_1^4 - \frac{1}{6}\lambda_{1112}\phi_1^3\phi_2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{1122}\phi_1^2\phi_2^2 - \frac{1}{6}\lambda_{1222}\phi_1\phi_2^3 - \frac{1}{24}\lambda_{2222}\phi_2^4 \\ & -\frac{1}{4}\lambda_{1133}\phi_1^2\phi_3^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{1233}\phi_1\phi_2\phi_3^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{2233}\phi_2^2\phi_3^2 - \frac{1}{24}\lambda_{3333}\phi_3^4 \\ & + y_3\phi_3\bar{\chi}\chi \end{aligned}$$

- Only  $\Phi_3$  can couple to the fermions
- Main focus: trilinear couplings, in particular  $A_{123}$  (light-heavy-heavy coupling)

# The $\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$ decay process

- Consider the decay of  $\Phi_3$  into 2 fermions  $\chi$  (prototype of scalar  $\rightarrow$  2 fermions, or fermion  $\rightarrow$  scalar-fermion decays)

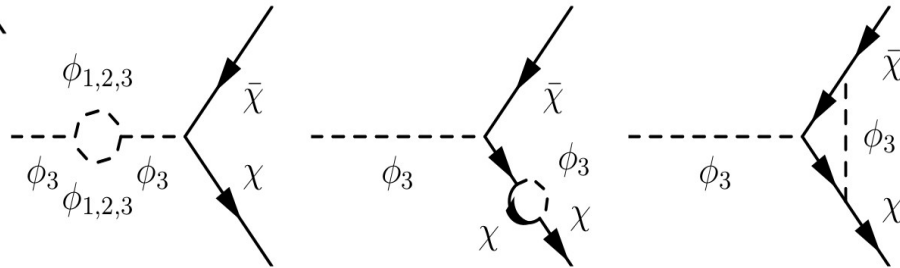
- Tree level:



A tree-level Feynman diagram showing a scalar particle  $\phi_3$  (dashed line) decaying into two fermions,  $\chi$  and  $\bar{\chi}$  (solid lines with arrows).

$$\Gamma^{(0)}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) = \frac{1}{8\pi} m_3 y_3^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\chi^2}{m_3^2}\right)^{3/2}$$

- 1L virtual corrections:



- Corrections involving  $A_{ijk}$**   $\rightarrow$  no vertex corrections, no mixing contributions

$$\Delta\hat{\Gamma}_{\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}}^{(1)} \supset -\frac{1}{2} k \text{Re} \left[ (A_{113})^2 \frac{d}{dp^2} B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_1^2) + 2(A_{123})^2 \frac{d}{dp^2} B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2) \right. \\ \left. + (A_{223})^2 \frac{d}{dp^2} B_0(p^2, m_2^2, m_2^2) + (A_{333})^2 \frac{d}{dp^2} B_0(p^2, m_3^2, m_3^2) \right] \Big|_{p^2=m_3^2} + \dots, \quad (k \equiv 1/(16\pi^2))$$

(with  $\hat{\Gamma}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi})[1 + \Delta\hat{\Gamma}_{\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}}]$ )



# Infrared limits

Derivative of the light-heavy  $B_0$  loop function can become **IR divergent** if:

- $\Phi_1$  is light, and  $\Phi_2, \Phi_3$  are almost mass-degenerate, i.e.  $m_1 \rightarrow 0, m_2 \rightarrow m_3$

$$\frac{d}{dp^2} B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2) \Big|_{p^2=m_3^2} = \frac{1}{m_3^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{m_3^2}{m_1^2} - 1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{1/2}) \right)$$

with  $\epsilon = m_3^2 - m_2^2$ . IR divergence **regulated by  $m_1$** .

- $\Phi_1$  is massless, and  $\Phi_2, \Phi_3$  are almost mass-degenerate, i.e.  $m_1=0, m_2 \rightarrow m_3$

$$\frac{d}{dp^2} B_0(p^2, 0, m_2^2) \Big|_{p^2=m_3^2} = \frac{1}{m_3^2} \left( \ln \left( -\frac{m_3^2}{\epsilon} \right) - 1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \right)$$

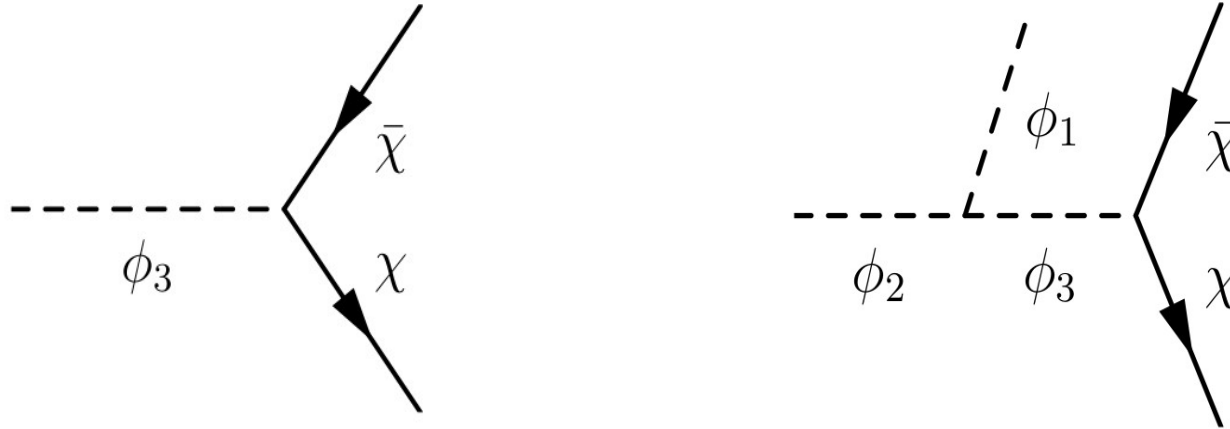
IR divergence **regulated by squared-mass difference**  $\epsilon = m_3^2 - m_2^2$

# Curing the IR divergences at 1L – inclusion of real radiation

In mass scenario where  $m_1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $m_2 = m_3$

- Inclusion of real radiation, following Kinoshita-Lee-Nauenberg theorem [Kinoshita '62], [Lee, Nauenberg '64]

→ IR divergence interpreted as stemming from lack of inclusiveness of observable



- $\Phi_1$  radiation not possible from an initial  $\Phi_3$  in  $\Phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  process (would break  $Z_2$  symmetry)  
... but KLN theorem requires summing on *energy degenerate states* and  $\Phi_2$  can radiate a  $\Phi_1$

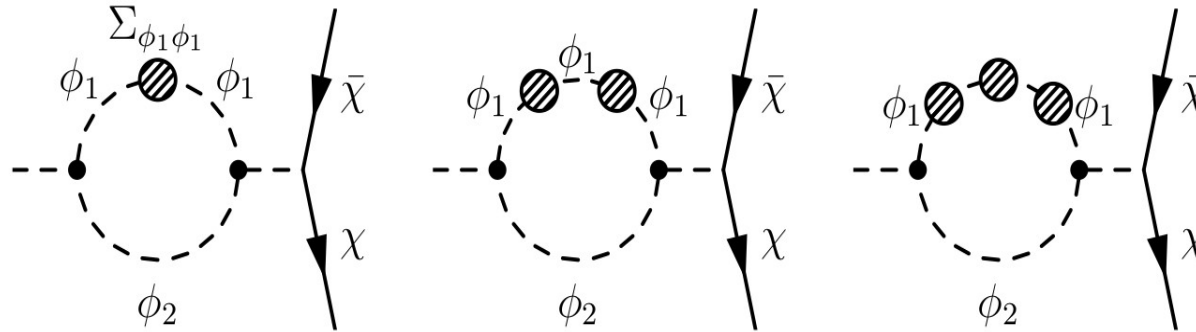
$$\Gamma(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) + \Gamma(\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1\chi\bar{\chi})|^{\text{soft}} = \text{finite}$$

- $\Gamma(\Phi_2 \rightarrow \Phi_1\chi\bar{\chi})|^{\text{soft}}$  contains dependence on energy resolution  $E_r$ , but this can be removed when including also hard radiation (3-body phase space computed numerically)

# Curing the IR divergences at 1L – resummation

In mass scenario where  $m_1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $m_2 = m_3$

- Resummation of  $\Phi_1$  contributions (inspired by one of the solutions to Goldstone boson catastrophe [Martin '14], [Elias-Miro, Espinosa, Konstandin '14], [JB, Goodsell '16], [Espinosa, Konstandin '17])



→ **IR divergence interpreted as stemming from a breakdown of the perturbative expansion**, because in scenarios with large hierarchies, the mass of light scalar  $\Phi_1$  receives very significant loop corrections, and thus diagrams with  $\Sigma_{\Phi_1 \Phi_1}$  subloop insertions are very large

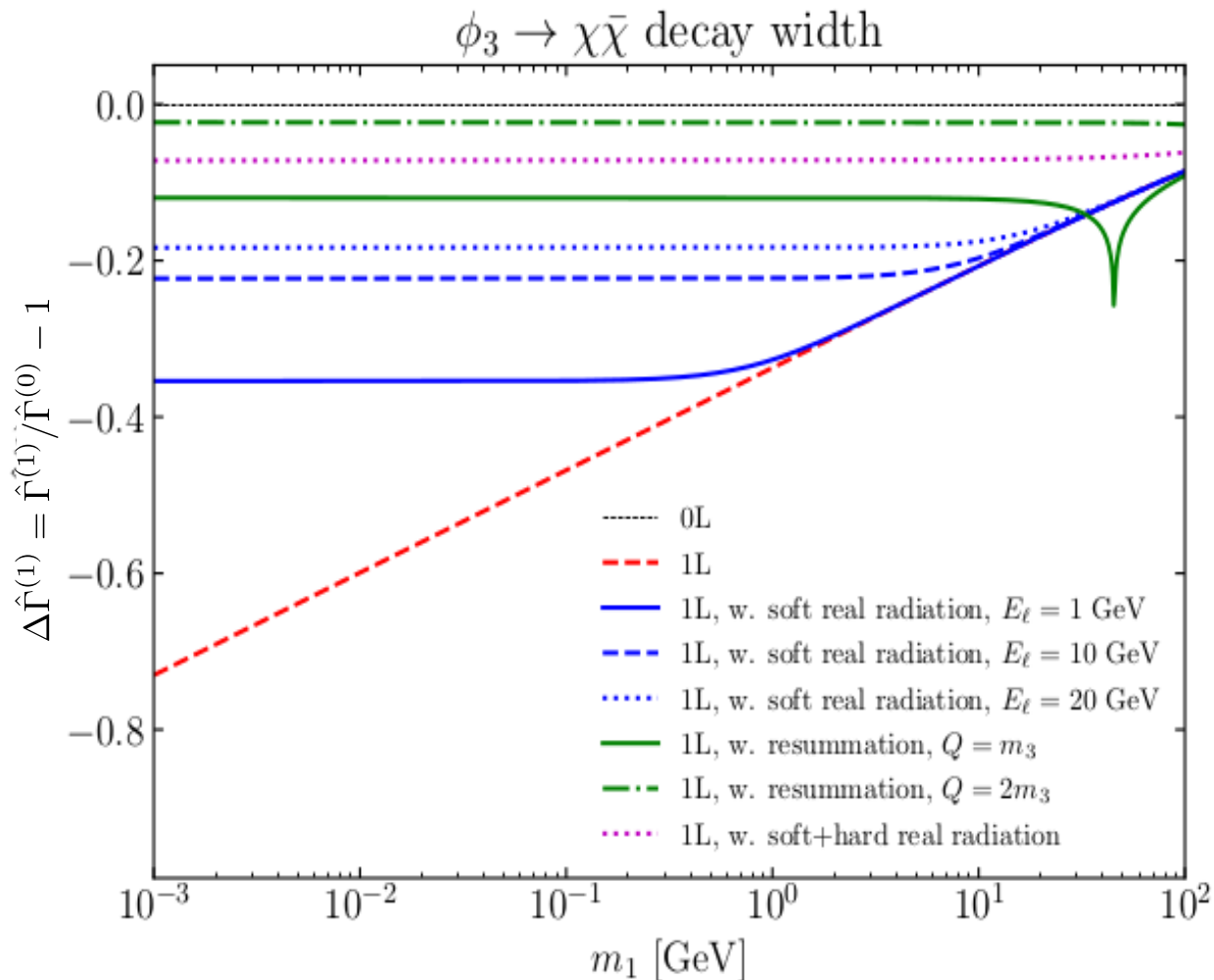
→ resummation produces an effective mass for  $\Phi_1$

$$\Delta m_1^2 = \hat{\Sigma}_{\phi_1 \phi_1}^{(1)}(p^2 = 0) = -k \left[ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{1122} A_0(m_2^2) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{1133} A_0(m_3^2) + (A_{113})^2 B_0(0, 0, m_3^2) + (A_{123})^2 B_0(0, m_2^2, m_3^2) \right] = \mathcal{O}(k m_3^2)$$

( $A_0, B_0$ : usual Passarino-Veltmann functions)

# Curing the IR divergences at 1L – results

In mass scenario where  $m_1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $m_2 = m_3$



with  
 $A_{123} = 3$  TeV  
 (other  $A_{ijk} = 0$ )  
 $y_3 = 1$ ,  
 $m_2 = m_3 = 1$  TeV,  
 $m_\chi = 200$  GeV,  
 $\lambda_{1122} = 0.25$ ,  
 $\lambda_{1133} = 0.4$ .

(NB: at 1L, including the width of  $\phi_3$  would also cure the IR divergence, but one can devise a model where the width is zero)

# Remaining large logarithms

- › **Divergences in IR limit can be cured**
  - › Resummation (but physical meaning of resummed decay width is ambiguous)
  - › Inclusion of (soft) real radiation
- › However, if  $m_1$  (or  $\varepsilon$ ) is large enough, then  $\Phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  and  $\Phi_2 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}\Phi_1$  can be distinguished!
- › 1L corrections to  $\Phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  decay width contain a term of the form

$$\Delta\hat{\Gamma}^{(1)} \supset -\frac{1}{2}ky_3 \frac{A_{123}^2}{m_3^2} \ln \frac{m_3^2}{m_1^2}$$

- › Trilinear couplings involving heavy states  $\Phi_2, \Phi_3$  typically of the order of the heavy mass  $A_{123} \sim m_3$

→ **Large, unsuppressed, logarithm remains in  $\Delta\Gamma^{(1)}$ !**

- › What happens at 2L?

# External-leg corrections at 2L – setup of the calculation

- For the 2L calculation, we fix the mass scales as

$$m_1^2 = \epsilon \ll m_2^2 = m_3^2 = m^2$$

- Radiative corrections to decay width, from external-leg corrections, up to 2L

$$\hat{\Gamma}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) \left\{ 1 - \text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(1)'}(m^2) - \text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(2)'}(m^2) + (\text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(1)'}(m^2))^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\text{Im}\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(1)'}(m^2))^2 + \text{Im}\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(1)}(m^2) \cdot \text{Im}\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(1)''}(m^2) + \mathcal{O}(k^3) \right\}$$

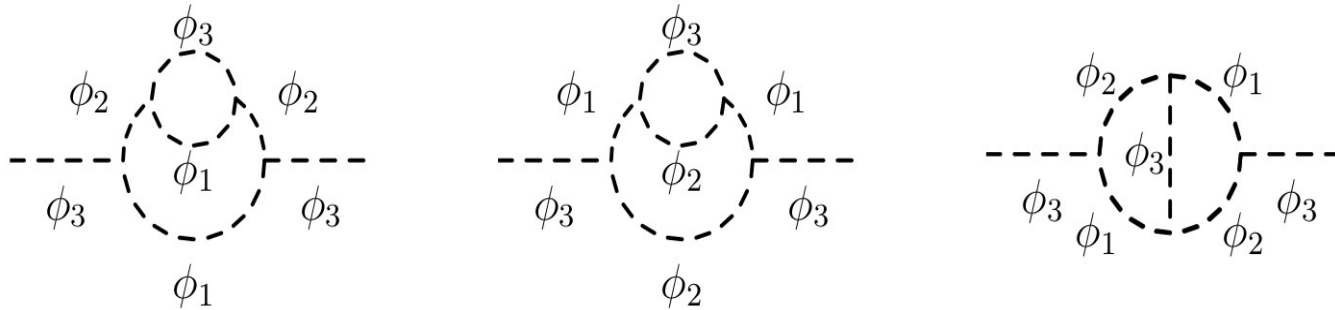
- We consider in the following only terms of  $\mathcal{O}(A_{123}^4)$

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- Genuine 2L  $\mathcal{O}(A_{123}^4)$  corrections involve derivatives of 2L self-energy diagrams ( $m_1^2 = \epsilon \ll m_2^2 = m_3^2 \equiv m^2$ )

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(2, \text{genuine})'}(p^2 = m^2) = k^2 (A_{123})^4 \frac{d}{dp^2} [T_{11234}(p^2, m^2, m^2, \epsilon, m^2, \epsilon) + T_{11234}(p^2, \epsilon, \epsilon, m^2, m^2, m^2) + T_{12345}(p^2, m^2, \epsilon, m^2, \epsilon, m^2)] \Big|_{p^2=m^2}$$



$$T_{11234}(p^2, m^2, m^2, \epsilon, m^2, \epsilon) \quad T_{11234}(p^2, \epsilon, \epsilon, m^2, m^2, m^2) \quad T_{12345}(p^2, m^2, \epsilon, m^2, \epsilon, m^2)$$

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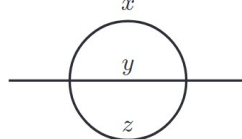
$$\mathbf{T}_{11234}(p^2, x, y, z, u, v) \equiv \left( \frac{(2\pi\mu)^{2\epsilon_{UV}}}{i\pi^2} \right)^2 \iint \frac{d^d q_1 d^d q_2}{(q_1^2 - x)(q_1^2 - y)((q_1 + p)^2 - z)((q_1 - q_2)^2 - u)(q_2^2 - v)}$$

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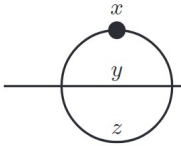
# $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme results at 2L

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- For instance, for the (finite part of the) integral  $T_{234} \leftrightarrow$  

$$p^2 \frac{d}{dp^2} T_{234}(x, y, z) = T_{234}(x, y, z) - xT_{2234}(x, y, z) - yT_{2234}(y, x, z) - zT_{2234}(z, x, y) \\ + x \log \frac{x}{Q^2} + y \log \frac{y}{Q^2} + z \log \frac{z}{Q^2} + \frac{p^2}{2}$$

where  $T_{2234} \leftrightarrow$    $= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \text{diagram for } T_{234} \right]$  and Q is the renormalisation scale

- Expansion in  $\epsilon$**  to find IR-dominant terms



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- Results cross-checked numerically with TSIL [Martin, Robertson hep-ph/0501132]

$$\left. \frac{d}{dp^2} T_{11234}(p^2, m^2, m^2, \epsilon, m^2, \epsilon) \right|_{p^2=m^2} = \frac{\pi(2 - \overline{\ln}m^2)}{4\sqrt{\epsilon}m^3} + \frac{-6\overline{\ln}\epsilon\overline{\ln}m^2 - 3\overline{\ln}^2\epsilon + 24\overline{\ln}\epsilon + 9\overline{\ln}^2m^2 - 24\overline{\ln}m^2 - \pi^2}{24m^4} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dp^2} T_{11234}(p^2, \epsilon, \epsilon, m^2, m^2, m^2) \right|_{p^2=m^2} = -\frac{\overline{\ln}m^2}{2m^2\epsilon} + \frac{3\pi\overline{\ln}m^2}{8m^3\sqrt{\epsilon}} + \frac{-50 + 6\pi^2 + 3\overline{\ln}\epsilon - 12\overline{\ln}m^2 + 18\overline{\ln}\epsilon\overline{\ln}m^2 - 18\overline{\ln}^2m^2}{36m^4} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

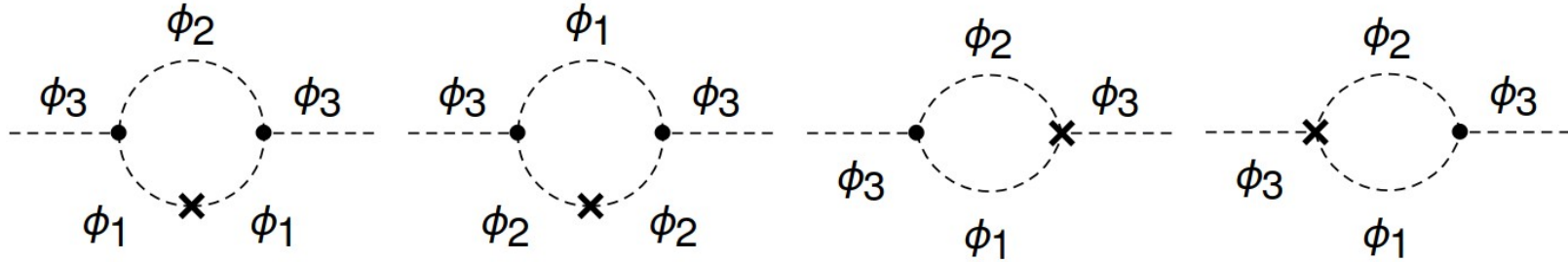
$$\left. \frac{d}{dp^2} T_{12345}(p^2, m^2, \epsilon, m^2, \epsilon, m^2) \right|_{p^2=m^2} = \frac{1}{4m^4} \left[ 2 + \ln \frac{m^2}{\epsilon} + \ln^2 \frac{m^2}{\epsilon} \right] - \frac{\pi^2 \ln 2 - 3/2\zeta(3)}{m^4} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \quad (\overline{\ln}x \equiv \ln x/Q^2)$$

$$\hat{\Gamma}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) = \Gamma^{(0)}(\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}) \left\{ 1 - \frac{k(A_{123})^2}{m^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{m^2}{\epsilon} - 1 \right] + \frac{k^2(A_{123})^4}{m^4} \left[ \frac{m^2\overline{\ln}m^2}{2\epsilon} - \frac{m\pi(4 + \overline{\ln}m^2)}{8\sqrt{\epsilon}} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{17}{9} - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \ln^2 \frac{m^2}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{6} \overline{\ln}\epsilon + \frac{1}{12} \overline{\ln}m^2 + \pi^2 \ln 2 - \frac{3}{2} \zeta(3) \right] \right\}$$

→ **unphysically large  $1/\epsilon$  and  $1/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  terms in addition to  $\log\epsilon$ ,  $\log^2\epsilon$**

# Choices of renormalisation schemes at 2L

- Subloop renormalisation in 2L  $\Phi_3$  self-energies:



$$\hat{\Sigma}_{33}^{(2, \text{subloop})}(p^2) = k(A_{123})^2 \left[ \left( \frac{2\delta^{(1)}A_{123}}{A_{123}} + \delta^{(1)}Z_3 \right) B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2) + \delta^{(1)}m_1^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial m_1^2} B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2) + \delta^{(1)}m_2^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial m_2^2} B_0(p^2, m_1^2, m_2^2) \right]$$

- Keep  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  renormalisation of wave functions  $\rightarrow \delta^{(1)}Z_3 = 0$

- OS renormalisation of scalar masses:**

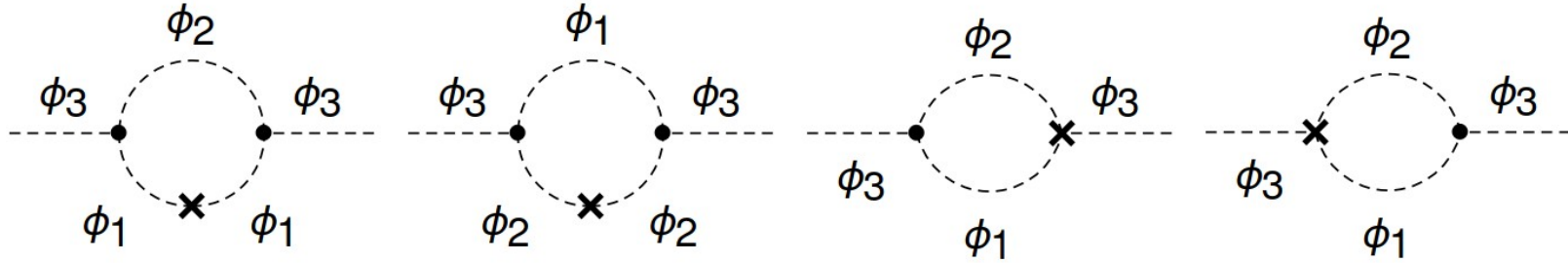
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \delta^{(1)}m_1^2 &= k(A_{123})^2 \text{Re}B_0(m_1^2, m_2^2, m_3^2) \\ \delta^{(1)}m_2^2 &= k(A_{123})^2 \text{Re}B_0(m_2^2, m_1^2, m_3^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Sigma_{33}^{(2, \text{subloop})'} \supset B_0(\epsilon, m^2, m^2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2 \partial x} B_0(p^2, x, m^2) \Big|_{p^2=m^2, x=\epsilon},$$

$$\text{and } B_0(m^2, \epsilon, m^2) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2 \partial y} B_0(p^2, \epsilon, y) \Big|_{p^2=y=m^2}$$

$\rightarrow$  **cancels with  $1/\epsilon$  and  $1/\sqrt{\epsilon}$  terms in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  decay width result!**

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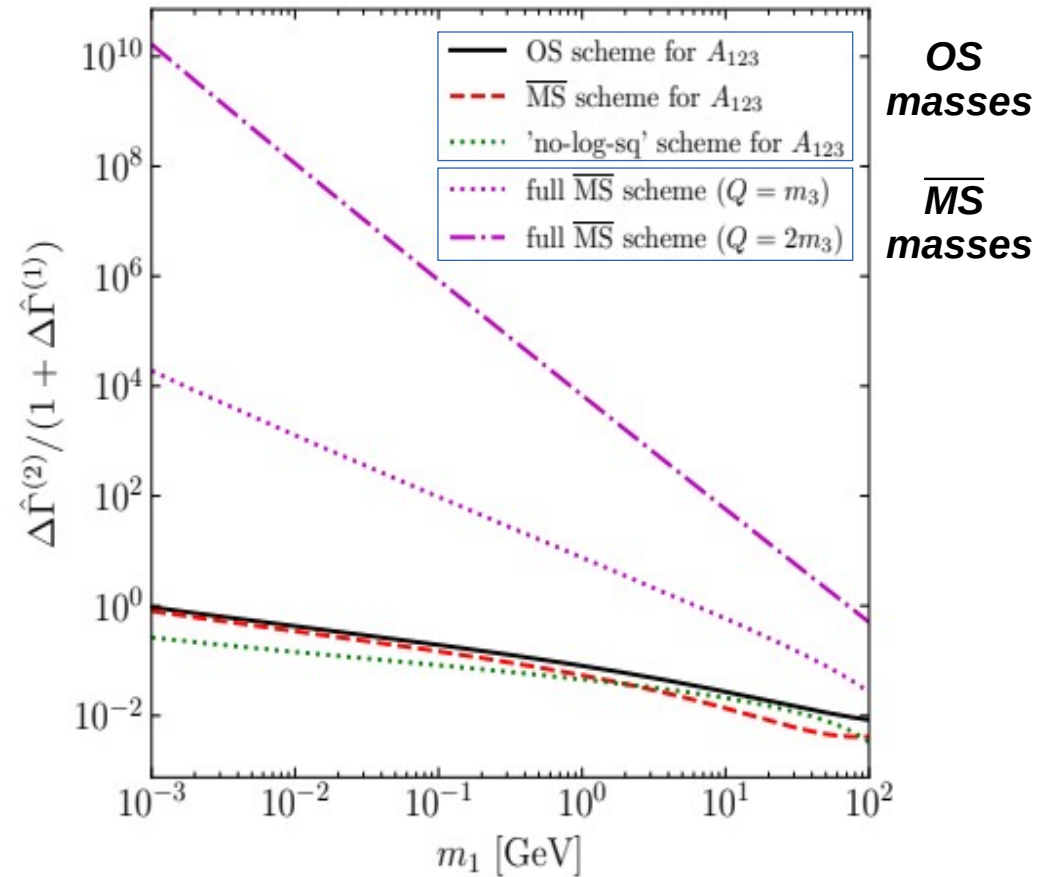
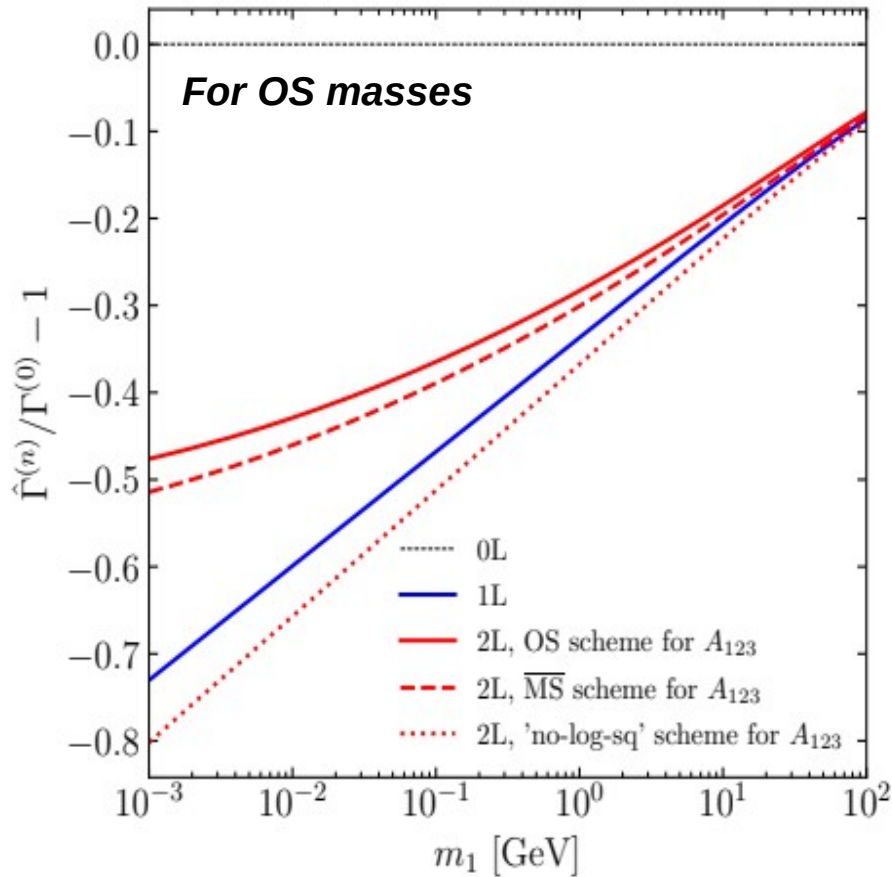
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- Different possible choices for renormalisation of  $A_{123}$ 
  - MS**  $\rightarrow \delta^{\text{fin}} A_{123} = 0$
  - OS**  $\rightarrow$  fix  $\delta^{\text{fin}} A_{123}$  by demanding that OS-renormalised loop-corrected amplitude for  $\Phi_2 \rightarrow \Phi_1 \Phi_3$  with momenta on-shell remains equal to its tree-level value
  - Custom “no-log-sq” scheme**, adjusting  $\delta^{\text{fin}} A_{123}$  to cancel the  $\log^2$  term in  $\Gamma(\Phi_3 \rightarrow \bar{\chi}\chi)$   
*NB: this only reshuffles the  $\log^2$  into the extraction of  $A_{123}$  from a physical observable, e.g.  $\Gamma(\Phi_3 \rightarrow \Phi_1 \Phi_2)$*
- log $\epsilon$  remains at 1L and 2L (log $^2\epsilon$  also unless special scheme) !**  $\rightarrow$  full expressions in [Bahl, JB, Weiglein ‘21]

# Numerical results I

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$\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  decay width



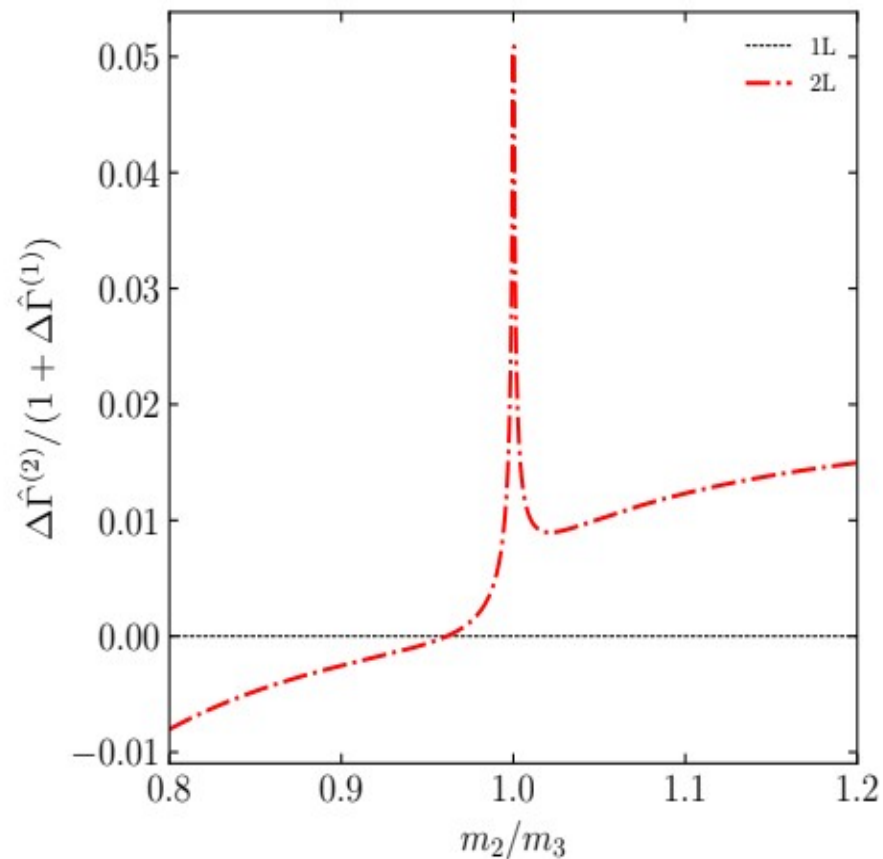
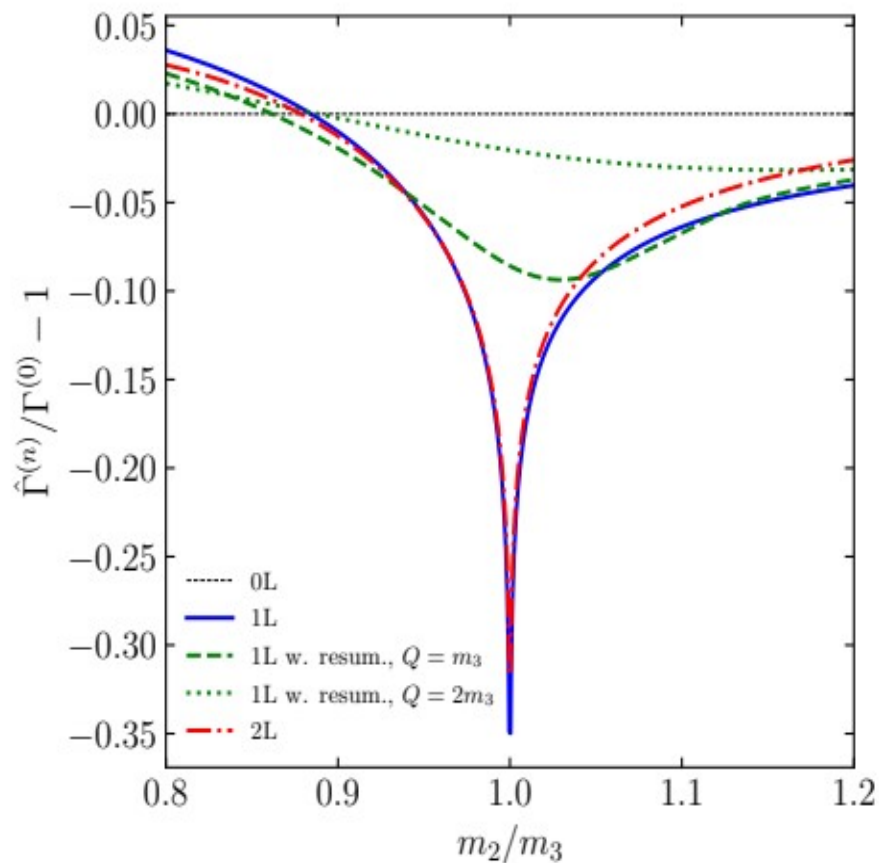
**OS masses**  
 **$\overline{\text{MS}}$  masses**

with  $m_2 = m_3 = 1$  TeV,  $y_3 = 1$ ,  $A_{123} = 3$  TeV (other  $A_{ijk} = 0$ )

# Numerical results II

In mass scenario where  $m_1=0$ ,  $m_2 \sim m_3$

$\phi_3 \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi}$  decay width



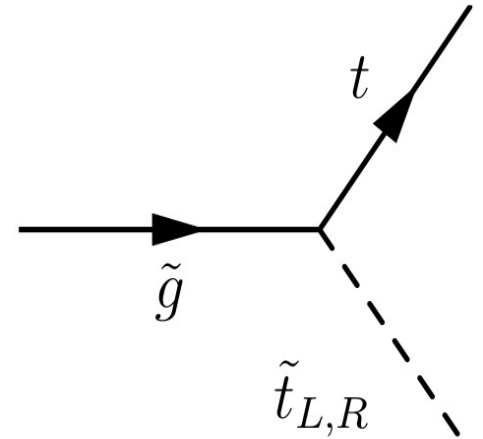
with  $m_3 = 500$  GeV,  $m_\chi = 200$  GeV,  $\lambda_{1122} = 1$ ,  $\lambda_{1133} = 1.2$ , and  $A_{123} = 1.5$  TeV ( $A_{123}$  renormalised  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ )

# Large logarithms from external legs: MSSM

# Decay of a gluino in the MSSM

- **Minimal Supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model**

- Higgs sector (assuming CP conservation):
  - 2 CP-even states  $h, H$ ; CP-odd state  $A$ ; charged Higgs  $H^\pm$  (+ would-be Goldstones)
- Stops – i.e. scalar partners of top quarks



- Consider the **decay of a gluino** (fermionic partner of gluon) **into a top quark and a stop**
- **Stop-Higgs couplings** important for corrections to this decay

→ involve  $X_t \equiv A_t - \mu \cot\beta$  or  $Y_t \equiv A_t + \mu \tan\beta$

(with  $A_t$  trilinear stop coupling,  $\mu$  Higgsino mass parameter, and  $\tan\beta \equiv v_2/v_1$  ratio of vacuum expectation values of the two Higgs doublets)

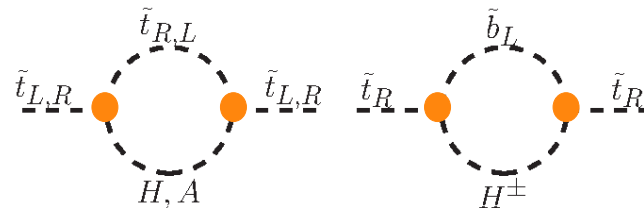
- Experimental limits →  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$  must be large, potentially  $\gg M_A$  (scale of BSM Higgses)
- Neglect EW gauge couplings and set  $v \sim 0$  ( $\ll M_{\text{SUSY}}$ ) for simplicity → no stop mixing!

- Typical mass hierarchy:  $M_{\text{SUSY}} \gg M_A \gg m_h, m_G, m_{G^\pm} \sim 0$

NB: case with  $v \neq 0$  also considered in [Bahl, JB, Weiglein '21]

# $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ decay – $Y_t$ terms

- Terms involving powers of  $Y_t \equiv A_t + \mu \tan\beta$   
 → **stop—BSM-Higgs couplings**



$$c(H\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_L) = c(H\tilde{t}_R\tilde{t}_R) = c(A\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_L) = c(A\tilde{t}_R\tilde{t}_R) = 0,$$

$$c(H\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_R) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h_t c_\beta Y_t,$$

$$c(A\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_R) = -c(A\tilde{t}_R\tilde{t}_L) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h_t c_\beta Y_t,$$

$$c(H^+\tilde{t}_R\tilde{b}_R) = c(H^+\tilde{t}_L\tilde{b}_L) = c(H^+\tilde{t}_L\tilde{b}_R) = 0,$$

$$c(H^+\tilde{t}_R\tilde{b}_L) = -h_t c_\beta Y_t,$$

- Light scalars: H, A,  $H^\pm$

$$M_A \neq 0 \text{ but } \ll M_{\text{SUSY}}$$

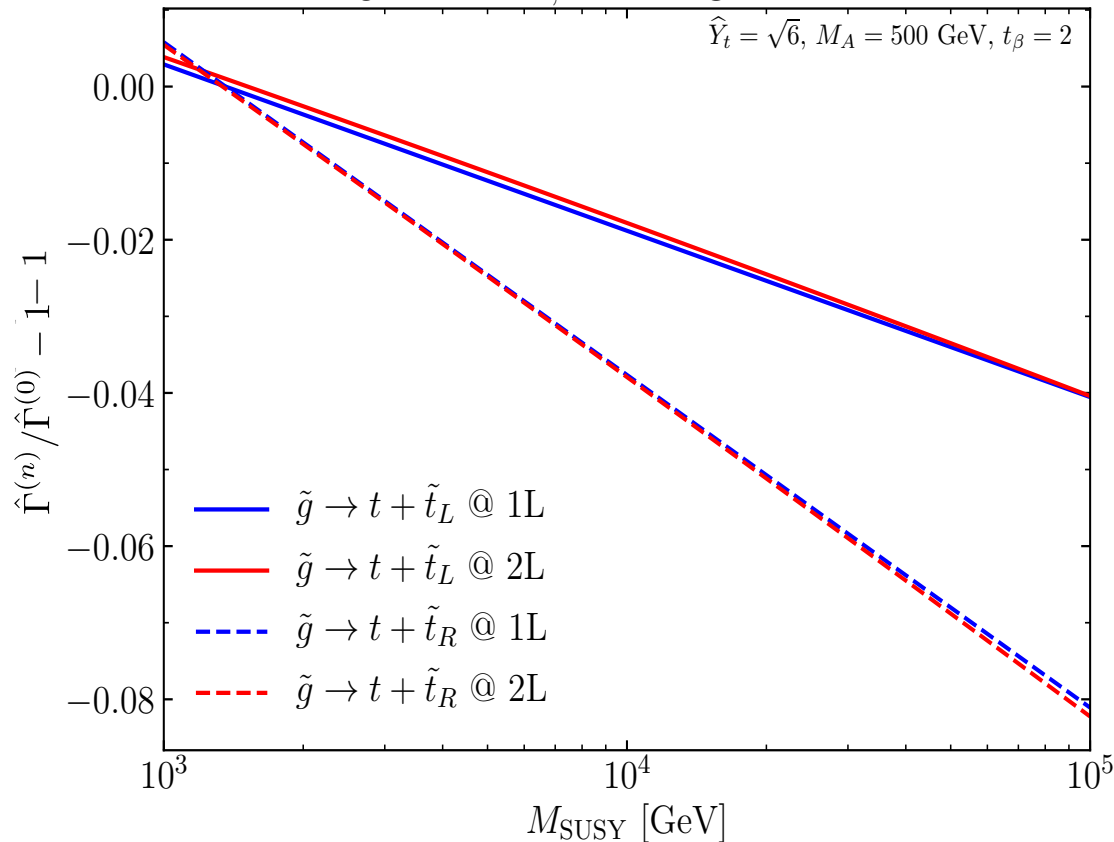
→ e.g.  $M_A = 500 \text{ GeV}$

- Heavy scalars:  $\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{t}_R$

$$m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\text{SUSY}}$$

(Same as  $m_1 \neq 0, m_2 = m_3$  in toy model)

$\tilde{g} \rightarrow t + \tilde{t}_{L,R}$  leading  $Y_t$  terms





# $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ decay – $X_t$ terms (at $v=0$ )

- Terms involving powers of  $X_t \equiv A_t - \mu \cot\beta$   
 → **stop—Higgs + Goldstone couplings**

$$c(h\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_L) = c(h\tilde{t}_R\tilde{t}_R) = c(G\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_L) = c(G\tilde{t}_R\tilde{t}_R) = 0,$$

$$c(h\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_R) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h_t s_\beta X_t,$$

$$c(G\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_R) = -c(G\tilde{t}_R\tilde{t}_L) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}h_t s_\beta X_t,$$

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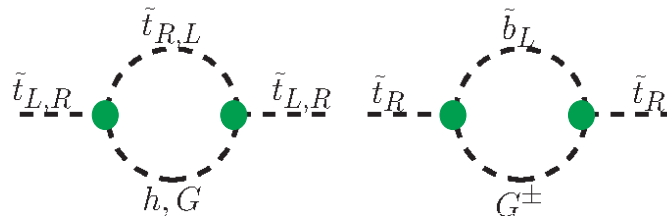
$$c(G^+\tilde{t}_R\tilde{b}_L) = -h_t s_\beta X_t.$$

- Light scalars:  $h, G, G^\pm$ 
  - $m_h = 0$  in gaugeless limit
  - $m_G = m_{G^\pm} = 0$

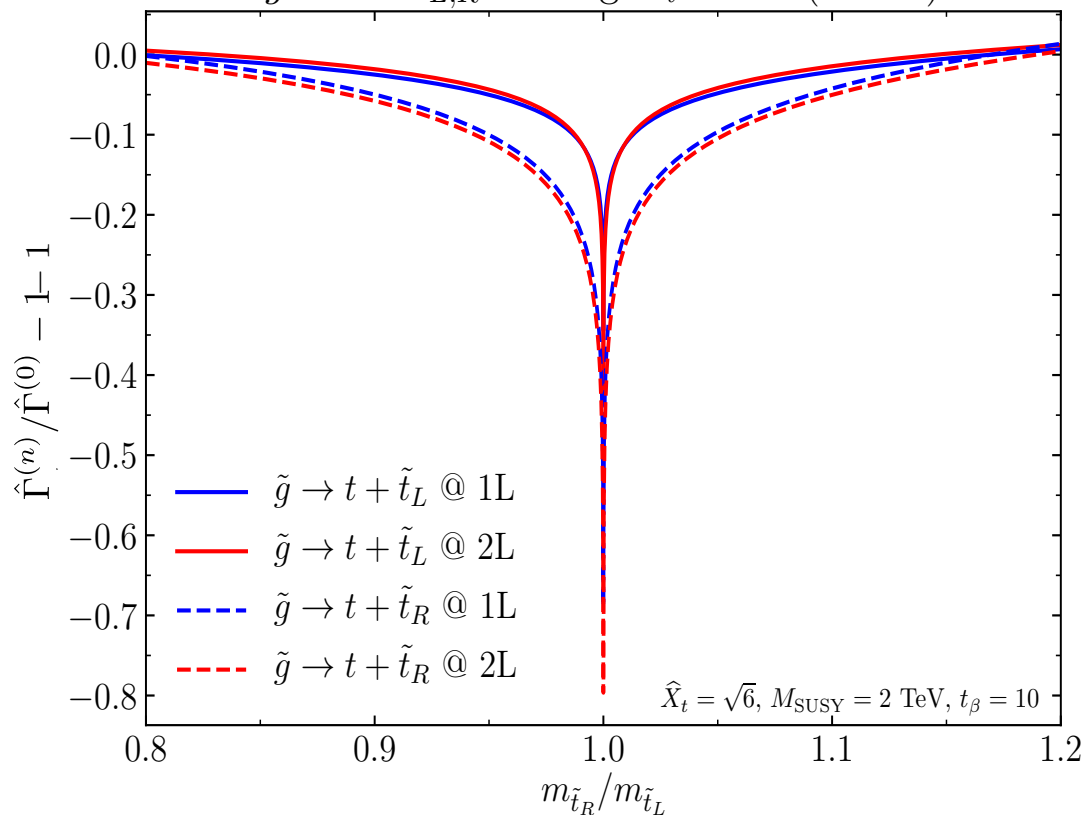
- Heavy scalars:  $\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{t}_R$

$$m_{\tilde{t}_L} \neq m_{\tilde{t}_R} \sim M_{\text{SUSY}}$$

(Same as  $m_1=0, m_2 \sim m_3$  in toy model)



$\tilde{g} \rightarrow t + \tilde{t}_{L,R}$  leading  $X_t$  terms (case 1)



# Summary of Part 1

**Precise theory predictions are of paramount importance to properly assess BSM discovery sensitivities, and to constrain parameter space of BSM models**

- ▷ We pointed out the existence of a **new type of large Sudakov-like logarithms, in external-leg corrections of heavy scalars**, in presence of mass hierarchy
- ▷ Can be further **enhanced by large trilinear couplings**
- ▷ At 1L, we showed how these logs are related to singularities in IR limit, and we discussed how to address these divergences
- ▷ **Computed large logs at 2L** (derivatives of self-energies with non-zero masses and at finite  $p^2$ )
- ▷ Showed the importance of OS renormalisation of masses
- ▷ In MSSM and N2HDM (in backup) examples: large effects at 1L; size of 2L effects well below that of 1L ones → SCET resummation doesn't seem compulsory
- ▷ Similar large logs can appear in scheme conversions of parameters (e.g. trilinear couplings like  $X_t$ )  
[\[Bahl, JB, Weiglein '22\]](#) → **Part 2**

# Stop mixing parameter $X_t$ : experimental probes and choices of renormalisation schemes

*(In relation to item 2 of Pietro's shopping list for hybrid calculations)*

# Stop sector and stop mixing parameter

- Stop mass matrix (in gauge eigenstate basis  $\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{t}_R$ ):

$$\mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 + m_t^2 + \cos(2\beta)\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3}s_W^2\right)M_Z^2 & m_t X_t^* \\ m_t X_t & m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 + m_t^2 + \frac{2}{3}\cos(2\beta)s_W^2 M_Z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $m_{\tilde{t}_L}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}$ : stop soft SUSY-breaking masses;  $X_t \equiv A_t - \mu^* \cot\beta$ : stop mixing parameter
- Diagonalise the stop mass matrix

$$\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}}^\dagger = \text{diag}(m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2)$$

$$\text{with } m_{\tilde{t}_{1,2}}^2 = m_t^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 + m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 \mp \sqrt{\left[ m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 + M_Z^2 c_{2\beta} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{3} s_W^2 \right) \right]^2 + 4m_t^2 |X_t|^2} \right\}$$

$$\text{and } \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{\tilde{t}} & s_{\tilde{t}} e^{-i\phi_{X_t}} \\ -s_{\tilde{t}} e^{i\phi_{X_t}} & c_{\tilde{t}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } \phi_{X_t} = \arg(X_t)$$

$$\cos(2\theta_{\tilde{t}}) = \frac{m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 - M_Z^2 c_{2\beta} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{3} s_W^2 \right)}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2} \quad (\text{stop mixing angle})$$

- In the following, we assume  $X_t$  to be real for simplicity ( $\rightarrow \phi_{X_t}=0$ )

# Accessing $X_t$ experimentally

- via stop masses
- via stop mixing angle
- via stop decay
- via Higgs mass

Note: we define  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = \sqrt{m_{\tilde{t}_L} m_{\tilde{t}_R}}$

and  $\hat{X}_t = X_t / M_{\text{SUSY}}$

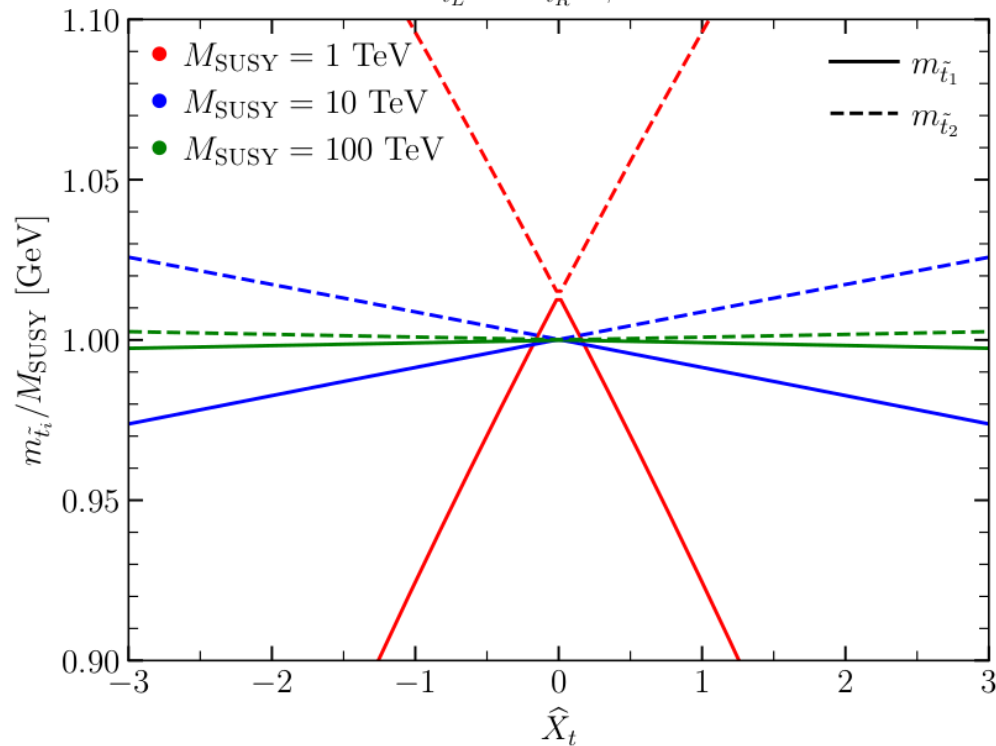
# Accessing $X_t$ via stop mass measurements

Recall

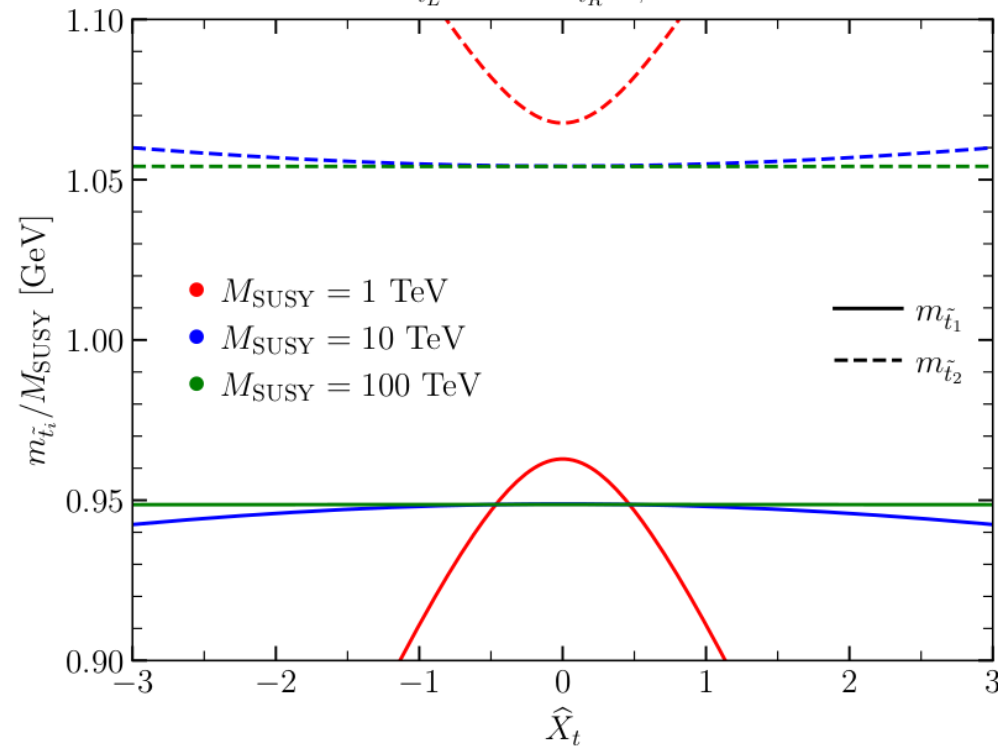
$$M_{\text{SUSY}} = \sqrt{m_{\tilde{t}_L} m_{\tilde{t}_R}}$$

$$\hat{X}_t = X_t / M_{\text{SUSY}}$$

$$m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R}, t_\beta = 20$$



$$m_{\tilde{t}_L} = 0.9 m_{\tilde{t}_R}, t_\beta = 20$$



- Assumption on relation between soft masses is necessary (as 2 inputs to determine  $X_t$ ,  $m_{\tilde{t}_L}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{t}_R}$ )
- Not possible in general to disentangle  $X_t$  from measurement of  $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$  only
- Sensitivity lost as stop masses increase

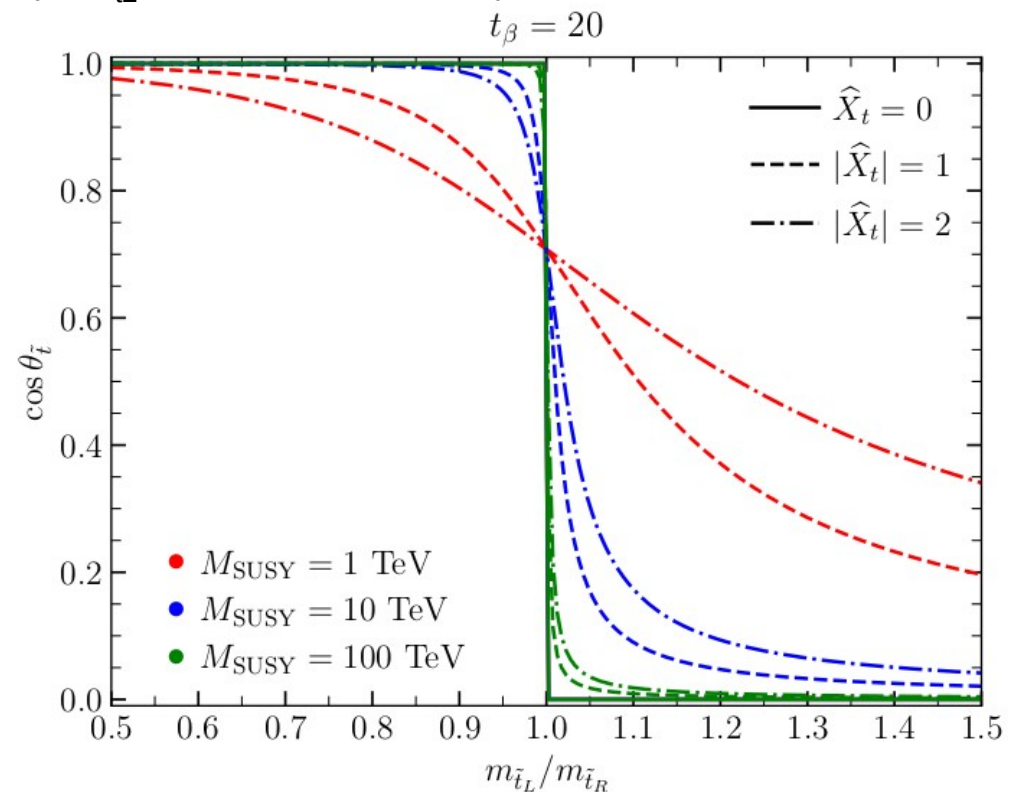
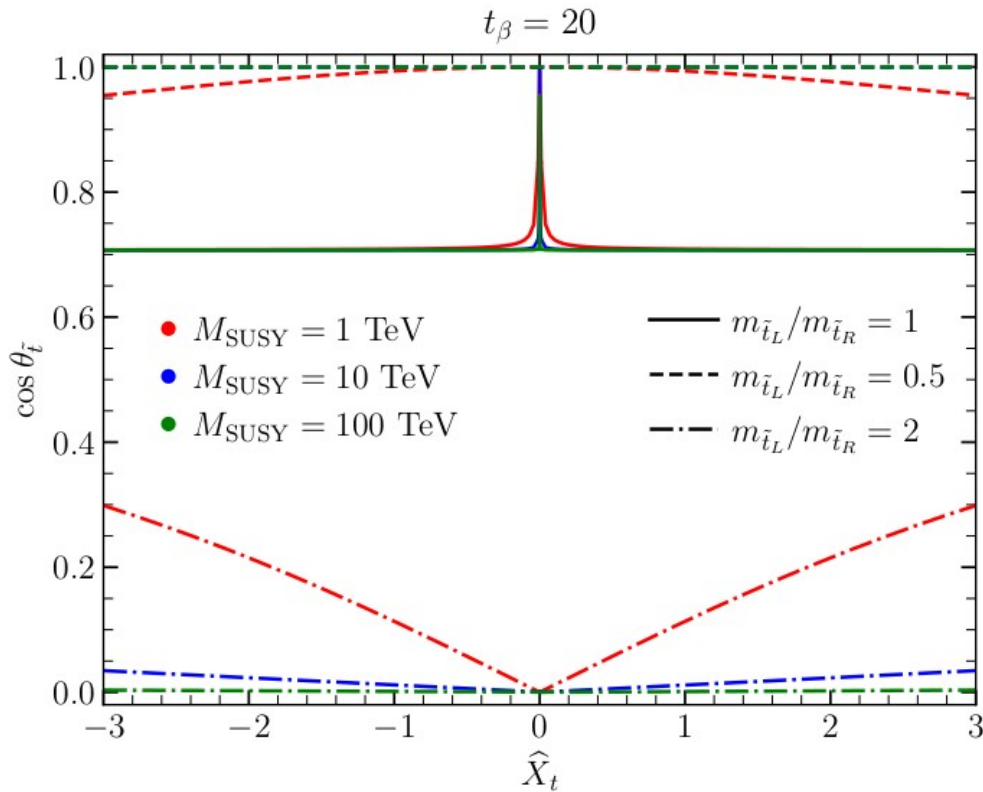
# Accessing $X_t$ via a measurement of the stop mixing angle

- Measurement of stop mixing angle already challenging
- But supposing it can be done (+ measurement of  $m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ ), can we derive  $X_t$ ?

Recall

$$M_{\text{SUSY}} = \sqrt{m_{\tilde{t}_L} m_{\tilde{t}_R}}$$

$$\hat{X}_t = X_t / M_{\text{SUSY}}$$



- Again sensitivity lost as stop masses increase, as well as if  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} \sim m_{\tilde{t}_R}$

# Accessing $X_t$ via stop decays

- Decay  $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h$  depends on  $X_t$  at tree level

$$d\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \frac{\sqrt{(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - (m_{\tilde{t}_1} + m_h)^2)(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - (m_{\tilde{t}_1} - m_h)^2)}}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} \underbrace{|\mathcal{M}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h)|^2}_{\propto X_t} d\cos\theta$$

- Limit  $m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_h \ll m_{\tilde{t}_2}$

$$d\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h} \xrightarrow{m_h, m_{\tilde{t}_1} \ll m_{\tilde{t}_2}} \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}} |\mathcal{M}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h)|^2 d\cos\theta \propto \frac{|X_t|^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}} \underset{X_t \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{SUSY}})}{\sim} \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{SUSY}})$$

- Limit  $m_h \ll m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{t}_2}$

$$d\Gamma_{\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h} \xrightarrow{m_h \ll m_{\tilde{t}_1} \sim m_{\tilde{t}_2}} \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \frac{|m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2|}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} |\mathcal{M}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h)|^2 d\cos\theta \simeq$$

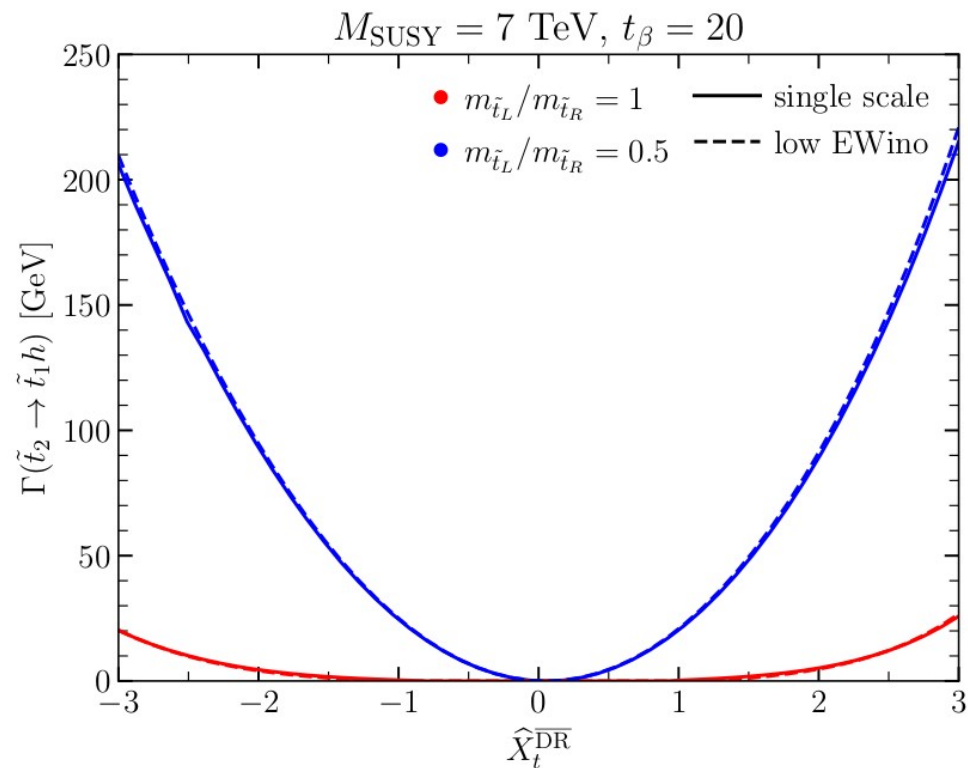
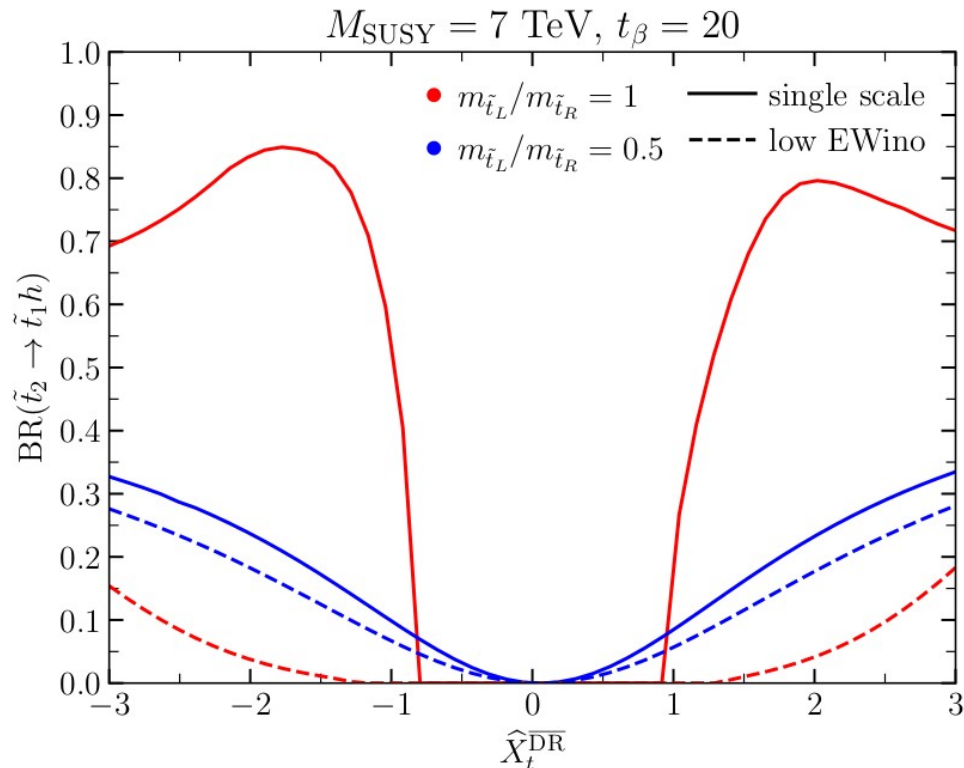
$$\simeq \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \frac{2m_t |X_t|}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} |\mathcal{M}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h)|^2 d\cos\theta \propto \frac{m_t |X_t|^3}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} \underset{X_t \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{SUSY}})}{\sim} \mathcal{O}(m_t)$$

(phase space suppression)



# Accessing $X_t$ via stop decays II

- With SUSY-HIT, investigate 2 scenarios
  - Single scale: all SUSY-breaking masses =  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 7 \text{ TeV}$
  - Set instead  $M_1 = M_2 = \mu = M_{\text{SUSY}}/2 \rightarrow$  light Ewkinos



- Usefulness depends highly on sparticle spectrum:  
 If  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} \sim m_{\tilde{t}_R}$  or if other decay channels are open (e.g. to quark+EWkino), it becomes more difficult to extract  $X_t$  from stop decay

# Accessing $X_t$ via the Higgs boson mass

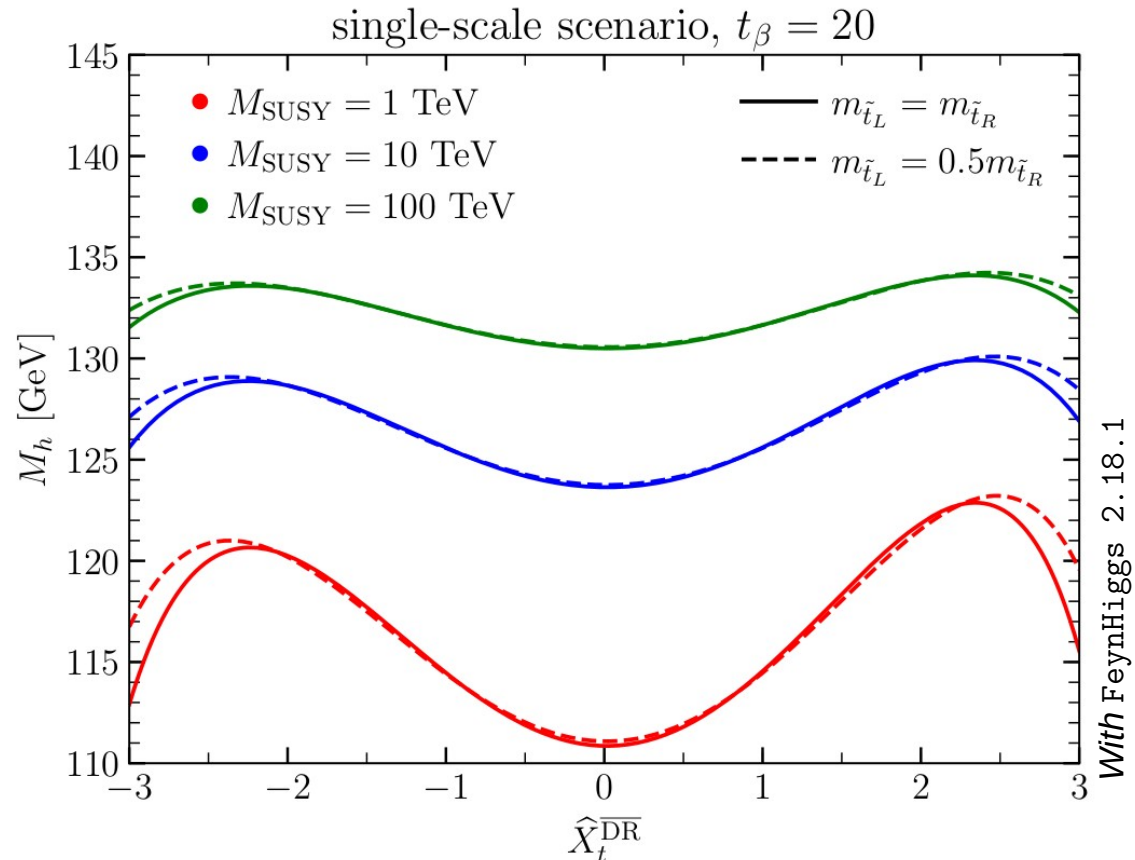
- Another observable where  $X_t$  enters is  $M_h$ , from 1L

$$M_h^2 \simeq \underbrace{m_h^2}_{M_Z^2 c_{2\beta}^2} + \frac{3m_t^4}{4\pi^2 v^2} \left( \ln \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_t^2} + |\hat{X}_t|^2 - \frac{1}{12} |\hat{X}_t|^4 \right) + \dots$$

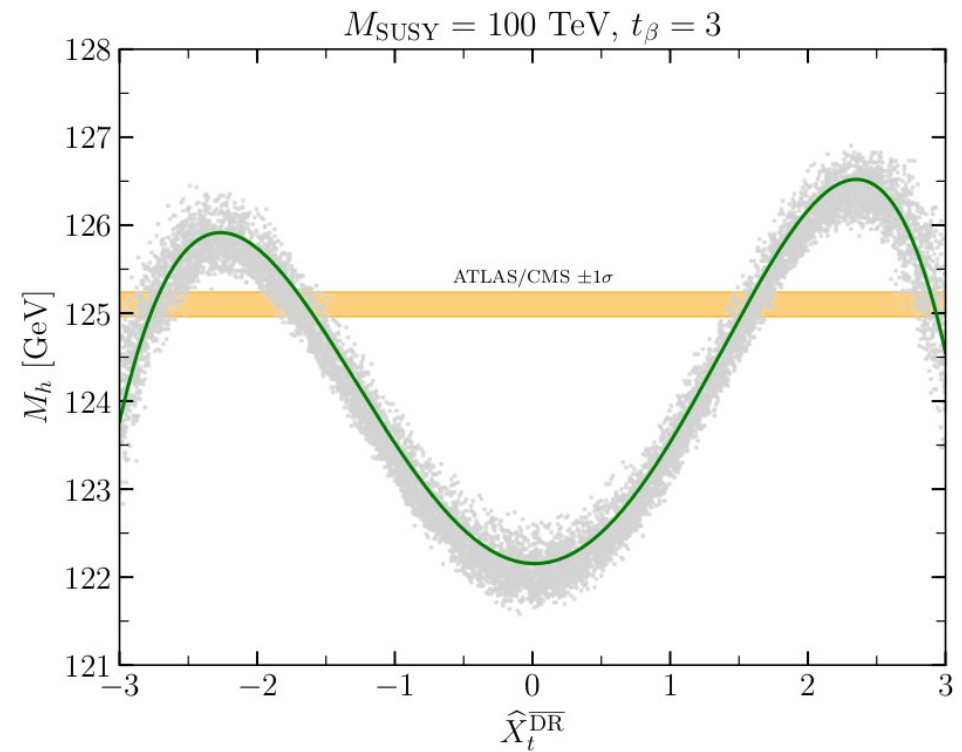
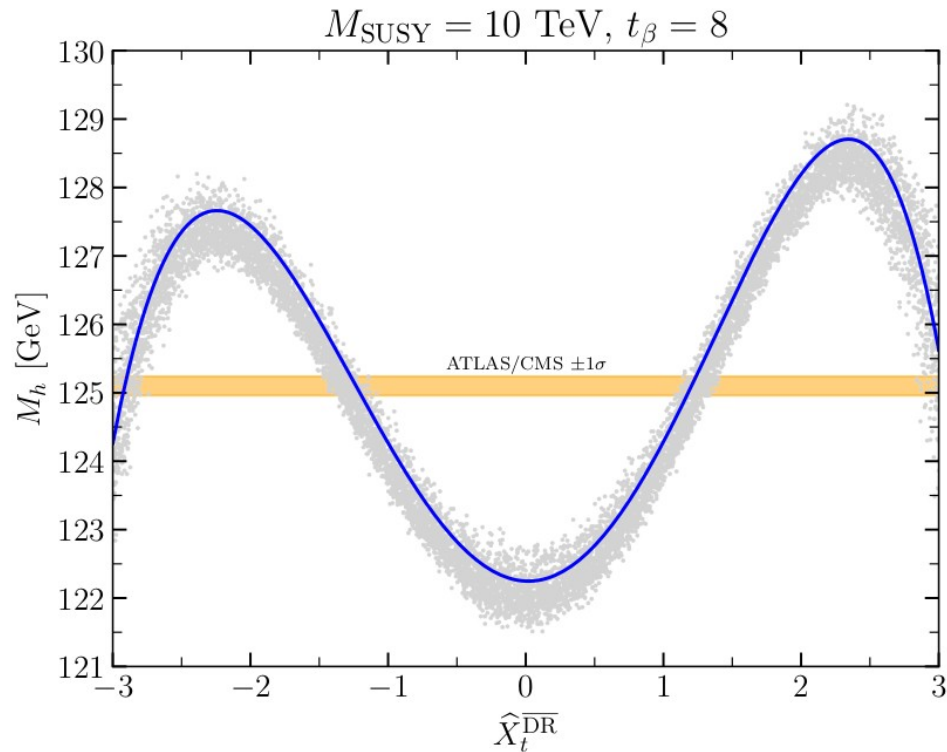
- Single scale scenario (all soft SUSY-breaking masses =  $M_A = \mu = M_{\text{SUSY}}$ )

- Significant dependence of  $M_h$  on  $X_t$ , no matter if  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} \sim m_{\tilde{t}_R}$  or not, and even for high SUSY scale (10 or 100 TeV)

- $X_t$  could be extracted from  $M_h$ , if stop masses are known



# Accessing $X_t$ via the Higgs boson mass II



With FeynHiggs 2.18.1

- › **Blue/green lines:** all non-SM masses =  $M_{\text{SUSY}}, A_{f\bar{t}} = 0$
- › **Grey points:** scan over SUSY parameters (masses and trilinears) between  $M_{\text{SUSY}}/2$  and  $2 M_{\text{SUSY}}$
- › If stop masses and  $\tan\beta$  known  $\rightarrow$  can extract  $X_t$

**How to define  $X_t$  theoretically**  
**– i.e. possible choices of**  
**renormalisation schemes**

# Renormalisation of the stop/top sector

➤ One choice of parameters:  $m_t, m_{\tilde{t}_L}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}, X_t$

➤ Counter terms:  $m_{\tilde{t}_{L/R}}^2 \rightarrow m_{\tilde{t}_{L/R}}^2 + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{L/R}}^2, \quad X_t \rightarrow X_t + \delta^{(1)} X_t, \quad m_t \rightarrow m_t + \delta^{(1)} m_t$

➤ Stop mass matrix counterterm:

$$\delta^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 + \delta^{(1)} m_t^2 & X_t^* \delta^{(1)} m_t + m_t \delta^{(1)} X_t^* \\ X_t \delta^{(1)} m_t + m_t \delta^{(1)} X_t & \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 + \delta^{(1)} m_t^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

➤ Rotate to mass eigenstate basis  $\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}}^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 & \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2 \\ (\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2)^* & \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 \end{pmatrix}$

➤ Relate counterterms in gauge eigenstate basis to those in mass eigenstate basis (easier to impose conditions on)

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{(1)} X_t &= \frac{1}{m_t} [\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{11}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^* (\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) \\ &\quad + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2 \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{21}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^* + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{21}}^2 \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{11}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{22}}^* - X_t \delta^{(1)} m_t], \\ \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 &= \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 |\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{11}}|^2 + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 |\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{12}}|^2 \\ &\quad + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2 \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{21}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{11}}^* + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{21}}^2 \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{11}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{21}}^* - 2m_t \delta^{(1)} m_t, \\ \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 &= \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 |\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{12}}|^2 + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 |\mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{22}}|^2 \\ &\quad + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2 \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{22}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^* + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{21}}^2 \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{12}} \mathbf{U}_{\tilde{t}_{22}}^* - 2m_t \delta^{(1)} m_t. \end{aligned}$$

# Renormalisation of the stop/top sector II

› Alternative choice of parameters:  $m_t, m_{\tilde{t}_L}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}, \theta_t, \phi_{X_t}$

› Counter terms:

$$m_{\tilde{t}_{L/R}}^2 \rightarrow m_{\tilde{t}_{L/R}}^2 + \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{L/R}}^2, \quad \theta_t \rightarrow \theta_t + \delta^{(1)} \theta_t, \quad \phi_{X_t} \rightarrow \phi_{X_t} + \delta^{(1)} \phi_{X_t}, \quad m_t \rightarrow m_t + \delta^{(1)} m_t$$

› Reexpress stop mass matrix → obtain counterterm matrix elements:

$$\delta^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}_{11}} = \cos^2 \theta_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 + \sin^2 \theta_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 + (m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2) \sin 2\theta_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} \theta_{\tilde{t}},$$

$$\delta^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}_{12}} = (\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) \sin \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos \theta_{\tilde{t}} e^{-i\phi_{X_t}} \\ + (m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) (\delta^{(1)} \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos 2\theta_{\tilde{t}} - i\delta^{(1)} \phi_{X_t} \sin \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos \theta_{\tilde{t}}) e^{-i\phi_{X_t}},$$

$$\delta^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}_{21}} = (\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) \sin \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos \theta_{\tilde{t}} e^{i\phi_{X_t}} \\ + (m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) (\delta^{(1)} \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos 2\theta_{\tilde{t}} + i\delta^{(1)} \phi_{X_t} \sin \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos \theta_{\tilde{t}}) e^{i\phi_{X_t}},$$

$$\delta^{(1)} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{t}_{22}} = \cos^2 \theta_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 + \sin^2 \theta_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 + (m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) \sin 2\theta_{\tilde{t}} \delta^{(1)} \theta_{\tilde{t}}.$$

› Obtain for the off-diagonal mass counterterm in mass eigenstate basis

$$\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2 = e^{-i\phi_{X_t}} (m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) (\delta^{(1)} \theta_{\tilde{t}} - i\delta^{(1)} \phi_{X_t} \sin \theta_{\tilde{t}} \cos \theta_{\tilde{t}})$$

# Process-dependent/-independent OS renormalisation schemes

- › For stop/top masses, simple interpretation of OS scheme in terms of **physical masses**

$$\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_i}^2 = \text{Re} \Sigma_{\tilde{t}_i \tilde{t}_i}^{(1)}(m_{\tilde{t}_i}^2), \quad \delta^{(1)} m_t = \text{Re} \Sigma_{tt}^{(1)}(m_t^2) \quad \Sigma^{(1)}: 1L \text{ self-energy}$$

- › For  $X_t$  (or equivalently  $\theta_t, \phi_{Xt}$ ), no unique/straightforward choice

- › **Process-dependent** definition, e.g. with  $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1$  h process

→ difficult to access processes involving  $X_t$  experimentally (c.f. previous discussion)

→ depends on sparticle spectrum / only reliable in parts of parameter space

- › **Process-independent**, like

$$\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{12}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left[ \Sigma_{\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_2}^{(1)}(m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2) + \Sigma_{\tilde{t}_1 \tilde{t}_2}^{(1)}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) \right]$$

from which one can obtain  $\delta^{(1)} X_t$  ( $\delta^{(1)} \theta_t$ ),  $\delta^{(1)} m_{\tilde{t}_{L,R}}$  with relations shown before

→ but not related to physical observable directly

→ potentially gauge dependent

# DR / MDR / mixed renormalisation schemes

- › **DR**: set finite parts of all counterterms to 0
  - › No direct physical interpretation of parameters
  - › But, convenient e.g. with high-scale SUSY scenarios
  - › Can be plagued by unphysical non-decoupling effects if gluinos are much heavier than stops
- › **MDR**: keep idea of  $\overline{\text{DR}}$  scheme, but define finite part of counterterms to absorb unphysical large corrections

$$\left(m_{\tilde{t}_{L,R}}^{\overline{\text{MDR}}}\right)^2(Q) = \left(m_{\tilde{t}_{L,R}}^{\overline{\text{DR}}}\right)^2(Q) \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F \frac{|M_3|^2}{m_{\tilde{t}_{L,R}}^2} \left(1 + \ln \frac{Q^2}{|M_3|^2}\right)\right]$$

$$X_t^{\overline{\text{MDR}}}(Q) = X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(Q) - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} C_F M_3 \left(1 + \ln \frac{Q^2}{|M_3|^2}\right)$$

[Bahl, Sobolev, Weiglein '19]

- › **Mixed**: renormalise stop and top masses OS, but keep  $X_t$  in  $\overline{\text{DR/MDR}}$  scheme (possible problems with  $1/\epsilon$  \*  $\epsilon$  pieces at higher orders)



# What renormalisation scheme to use for $X_t$ in Higgs mass calculations

# Renormalisation of $X_t$ for different types of Higgs mass calculations

- **Fixed order:** (process-independent) OS scheme possible/convenient
- **EFT:** if  $X_t$  in OS scheme, large  $\log(M_{\text{SUSY}}^2/m_t^2)$  pieces remain, which would be resummed by running of  $X_t \rightarrow \overline{\text{DR}} / \overline{\text{MDR}}$  scheme preferable for  $X_t$
- **Hybrid:** use OS for fixed-order part;  $\overline{\text{DR}} / \overline{\text{MDR}}$  for EFT part
- Both in EFT and hybrid approaches
  - $X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}$  must be extracted from physical input / related to  $X_t^{\text{OS}}$
  - **large logs**

# OS to $\overline{\text{DR}}$ conversion of $X_t$ and large logarithms


- OS  $\rightarrow$   $\overline{\text{DR}}$  conversion of  $X_t$ :

$$X_t^{\text{OS}} = X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) \frac{m_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}, \text{MSSM}}(M_{\text{SUSY}})}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} - \frac{1}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} \delta^{(1)}(m_t X_t) \Big|_{\text{fin}}$$

**both terms contain large logs!**

- First from  $m_t$ :

$$m_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}, \text{MSSM}}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = m_t^{\text{OS}} - m_t^{\text{OS}} \underbrace{\left[ \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} - \frac{3\alpha_t}{16\pi} \right) \ln \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_t^2} + \text{no large logs} \right]}_{=\delta^{(1)} m_t^{\text{OS}}(Q=M_{\text{SUSY}}) \Big|_{\text{fin}}} + \dots$$

*sub-leading* 

$\rightarrow$  resum the large logs by using  $m_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}, \text{MSSM}}(Q=M_{\text{SUSY}})$  or  $m_t^{\overline{\text{MS}}, \text{SM}}(Q=M_{\text{SUSY}})$

- What about the 2<sup>nd</sup> term?

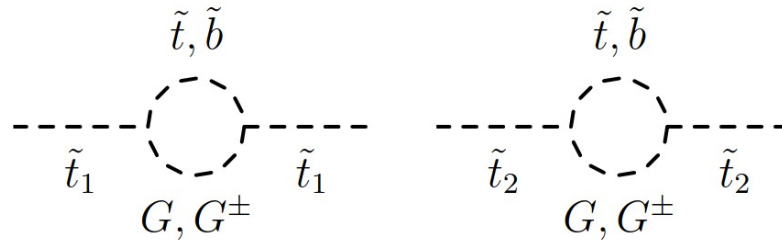
# OS to $\overline{\text{DR}}$ conversion of $X_t$ and large logarithms II

$$X_t^{\text{OS}} = X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) \frac{m_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}, \text{MSSM}}(M_{\text{SUSY}})}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} - \frac{1}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} \delta^{(1)}(m_t X_t) \Big|_{\text{fin}}$$

- Case 1:  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\text{SUSY}}$  and for  $v/M_{\text{SUSY}} \ll 1$  (as in EFT setting)

At  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t)$ : 
$$\delta^{(1)}(m_t X_t) \Big|_{\text{fin}} = \frac{3\alpha_t}{16\pi} m_t X_t |\hat{X}_t|^2 \ln \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_t^2} + \text{no large logs}$$

- Caused by diagrams in  $\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_2$  mass counterterm of the form



- Same type of diagrams as in external-leg corrections! (part 1 of this talk)
  - IR divergence for  $m_{\tilde{t}_2} \rightarrow m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ , cured by real Higgs radiation (NB: Higgs massless in limit  $v/M_{\text{SUSY}} \ll 1$ )
  - Large log remains for  $m_{\tilde{t}_2} \neq m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ , regulated by squared mass difference
  - Can't be resummed by standard EFT techniques, but size of 2L corrections much smaller than 1L (c.f. part 1)

# OS to $\overline{\text{DR}}$ conversion of $X_t$ and large logarithms II

$$X_t^{\text{OS}} = X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) \frac{m_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}, \text{MSSM}}(M_{\text{SUSY}})}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} - \frac{1}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} \delta^{(1)}(m_t X_t) \Big|_{\text{fin}}$$

- Case 1:  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\text{SUSY}}$  and for  $v/M_{\text{SUSY}} \ll 1$  (as in EFT setting)

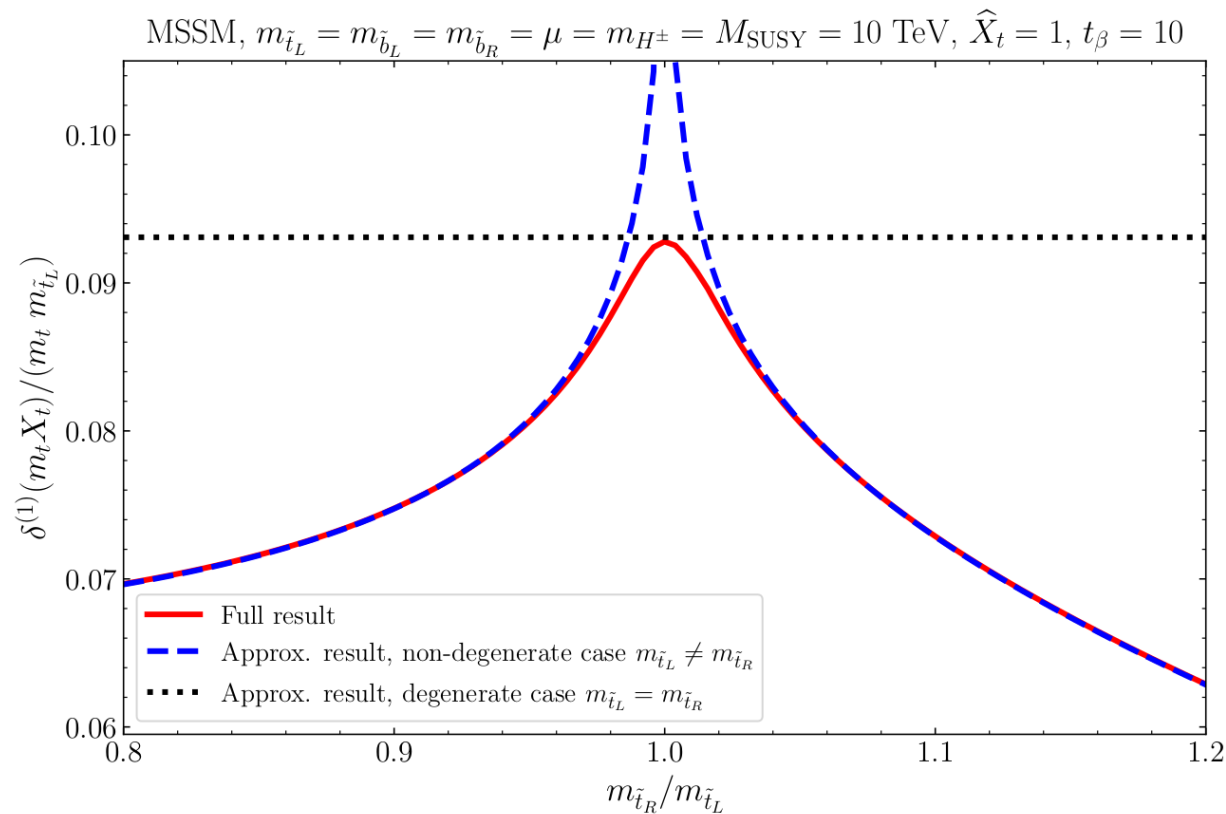
At  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t)$ : 
$$\delta^{(1)}(m_t X_t) \Big|_{\text{fin}} = \frac{3\alpha_t}{16\pi} m_t X_t |\hat{X}_t|^2 \ln \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_t^2} + \text{no large logs}$$

- Case 2:  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} \neq m_{\tilde{t}_R}$  and for  $v/M_{\text{SUSY}} \ll 1$

At  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t)$ : 
$$\delta^{(1)}(m_t X_t) \Big|_{\text{fin}} = \frac{\alpha_t}{8\pi} m_t X_t |\hat{X}_t|^2 \left( \frac{2m_{\tilde{t}_L}}{m_{\tilde{t}_R}} \ln \frac{m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2}{|m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2|} + \frac{m_{\tilde{t}_R}}{m_{\tilde{t}_L}} \ln \frac{m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2}{|m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2|} \right)$$

- Once again large logs, again regulated by squared mass difference  $|m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2| \sim |m_{\tilde{t}_L}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2|$

# OS to $\overline{\text{DR}}$ conversion of $X_t$ and large logarithms III



➤ Case 1:  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R}$

$$X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = X_t^{\text{OS}} \left\{ 1 + \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} - \frac{3\alpha_t}{16\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{|X_t|^2}{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2} \right) \right] \ln \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_t^2} \right\} + \dots$$

➤ Case 2:  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} \neq m_{\tilde{t}_R}$

$$X_t^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = X_t^{\text{OS}} \left\{ 1 + \left[ \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} - \frac{3\alpha_t}{16\pi} \right] \ln \frac{M_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_t^2} \right\} + \dots$$

→ for  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t)$  pieces, no transition between the two expanded cases  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R}$  and  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} \neq m_{\tilde{t}_R}$  (but for  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t)$  there is)

→ full result is well behaved, but one is then mixing order in EFT expansion (in  $v/M_{\text{SUSY}}$ )

→ **keep  $X_t$  in  $\overline{\text{DR}}$  /  $\overline{\text{MDR}}$  scheme even in fixed-order calculation, to avoid conversion**

# Summary of Part 2

- We discussed, for the example of the MSSM stop mixing parameter  $X_t$ , possible experimental probes, and theoretical definitions (choices of renormalisation scheme) of the parameter
- **Experimental probes:**
  - **$M_h$  seems the best avenue to determine  $X_t$**  (once stop masses and  $\tan\beta$  are known)
    - sensitivity to  $X_t$  no matter the stop mass hierarchy, and even to high SUSY scales
  - Stop decays also an option, but highly dependent on sparticle spectrum (i.e. what decay channels are open) → only useful for parts of parameter space
- **Renormalisation scheme choices:**
  - Choice of scheme for  $X_t$  in  $M_h$  calculation crucial, as  $M_h$  is best way to access  $X_t$
  - **No ideal choice**, but given that  $\overline{DR}/\overline{MDR}$  is preferable for EFT (and hybrid) → use also  **$\overline{DR}/\overline{MDR}$  for  $X_t$  (mixed scheme) in fixed-order part of hybrid calculation**, to avoid large log in conversion (would however reappear in extraction of  $X_t$  from experimental input + issue of  $1/\epsilon^*\epsilon$  pieces at higher orders)
- Results in principle applicable more broadly to BSM trilinear couplings

# Thank you very much for your attention!

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# External-leg corrections

- **LSZ formalism** [Lehmann, Symanzik, Zimmermann '55] → to obtain a reliable prediction for an observable, need to ensure correct on-shell properties of external particles → **LSZ factor**

- External scalar  $\Phi$ , without mixing: include for each external leg a factor
 
$$\sqrt{Z_\phi} = \left(1 + \hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(p^2 = \mathcal{M}_\phi^2)\right)^{-1/2}$$

$\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}$  Derivative of renormalised self-energy w.r.t  $p^2$

$\mathcal{M}_\phi$  Complex pole mass

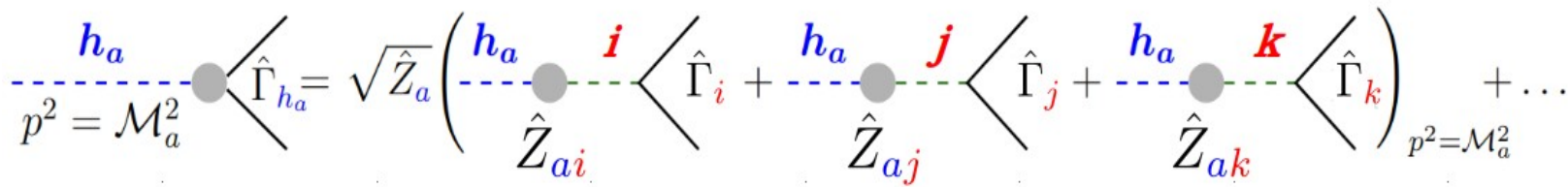
Up to 2L order:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{Z_\phi} &= 1 - \text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(1)(m^2) - \text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(2)(m^2) + \left(\text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(1)(m^2)\right)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{Im}\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(1)(m^2)\right)^2 + \text{Im}\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(1)(m^2) \cdot \text{Im}\hat{\Sigma}'_{\phi\phi}(1)''(m^2) + \mathcal{O}(3L) \end{aligned}$$

- Case with mixing → we employ the **Z-matrix formalism** [Frank et al. '06, Fuchs and Weiglein '16, '17]

$$\hat{\Gamma}_{h_a}^{\text{physical}} = \sum_j \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{aj} \hat{\Gamma}_j \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\mathbf{Z}}_{aj} = \sqrt{\hat{Z}_i^a \hat{Z}_{ij}^a}$$

e.g. with 3 scalars  $i, j, k$ :



# $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}$ decay – $X_t$ terms (at $v \neq 0$ )

- $v \neq 0 \rightarrow$  stop mixing
- Heavy scalars:  $\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_2$ 
  - Assume  $m_{\tilde{t}_L} = m_{\tilde{t}_R} = M_{\text{SUSY}}$
  - $m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 = 2 m_t X_t$

$$c(h\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1) = -c(h\tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} h_t s_\beta X_t,$$

$$c(h\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_2) = c(h\tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_1) = 0,$$

$$c(G\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1) = c(G\tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_2) = 0,$$

$$c(G\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_2) = -c(G\tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} h_t s_\beta X_t,$$

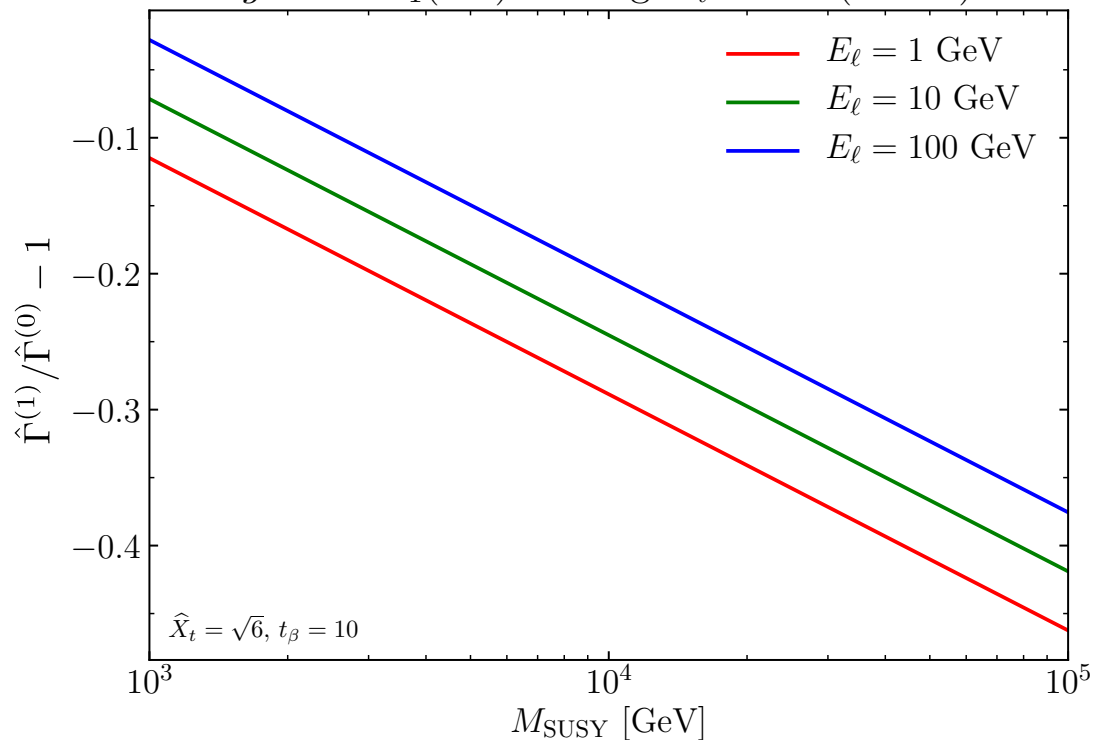
$$c(G^+\tilde{t}_1\tilde{b}_1) = c(G^+\tilde{t}_2\tilde{b}_1) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} h_t s_\beta X_t,$$

$$c(G^+\tilde{t}_1\tilde{b}_2) = c(G^+\tilde{t}_2\tilde{b}_2) = 0.$$

- Light scalars:
  - $m_h \neq 0$  but  $\ll M_{\text{SUSY}}$
  - Set  $m_h \sim m_G \sim m_{G^\pm} \sim m_{\text{IR}}$  (IR regulator mass)  
(Same as  $m_1 \sim 0, m_2 \sim m_3$  in toy model)

## IR divergence cured by real radiation

$\tilde{g} \rightarrow t + \tilde{t}_1 (+h)$  leading  $X_t$  terms (case 2)



# Large logarithms from external legs: N<sup>2</sup>HDM

# Decay of a heavy Higgs boson in the N2HDM

- Extend SM scalar sector by an **additional Higgs doublet** ( $\rightarrow 2\text{HDM}$ ) plus a **real singlet**  $\Phi_S$

$$V^{(0)} = m_{11}^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + m_{22}^2 |\Phi_2|^2 - m_{12}^2 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 |\Phi_1|^4 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 |\Phi_2|^4 + \lambda_3 |\Phi_1|^2 |\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_5 ((\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \text{h.c.}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} m_S^2 \Phi_S^2 + \frac{1}{6} a_S \Phi_S^3 + \frac{1}{24} \lambda_S |\Phi_S|^4 + \frac{1}{2} a_{1S} |\Phi_1|^2 \Phi_S + \frac{1}{2} a_{2S} |\Phi_2|^2 \Phi_S + \frac{1}{6} \lambda_{1S} |\Phi_1|^2 \Phi_S^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{2S} |\Phi_2|^2 \Phi_S^2.$$

- $Z_3$  symmetry often imposed to forbid trilinear couplings in Lagrangian, *but not in our case*

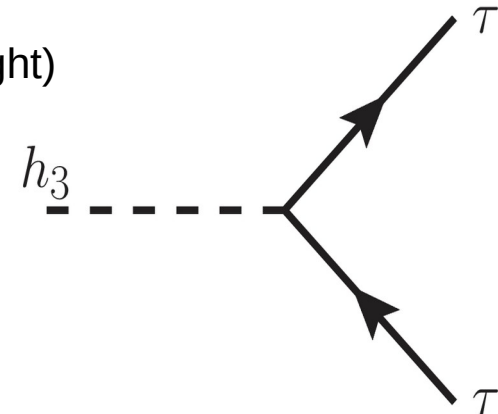
- For convenience, define  $X_a \equiv \frac{1}{4} (a_{1S} - a_{2S})$ ,  $Y_a \equiv \frac{1}{4} a_{1S} s_\beta^2 + a_{2S} c_\beta^2$ ,  $Z_a \equiv \frac{a_S}{4} - Y_a$

- Physical spectrum** (assuming CP-conservation):

3 CP-even states,  $h_1, h_2, h_3$ ; 1 CP-odd state A; 1 charged Higgs boson  $H^\pm$ ; (G,  $G^\pm$  would-be Goldstones)

- Consider a scenario with mass hierarchy  $m_{h_1} \sim m_{h_2} \sim m_G \sim m_{G^\pm} \sim \sqrt{\epsilon}$  (light) and  $m_{h_3} = m_A = m_{H^\pm} = m$  (heavy)

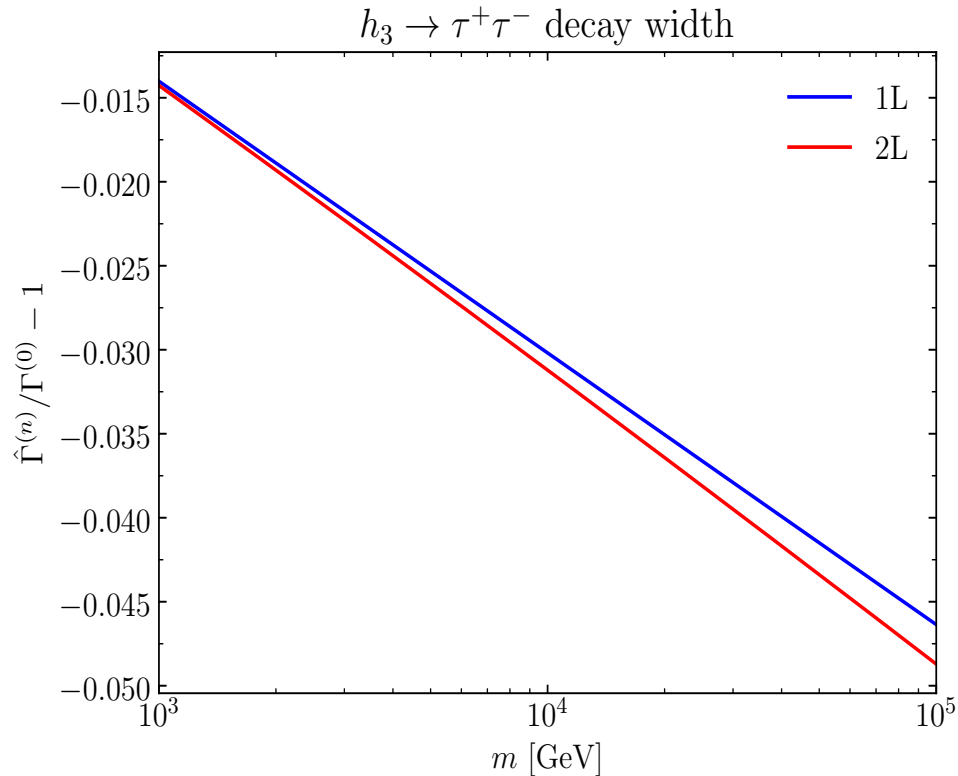
- Investigate trilinear-enhanced contributions to  $h_3 \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  decay process ( $h_3$  being doublet-like), involving  $X_a$



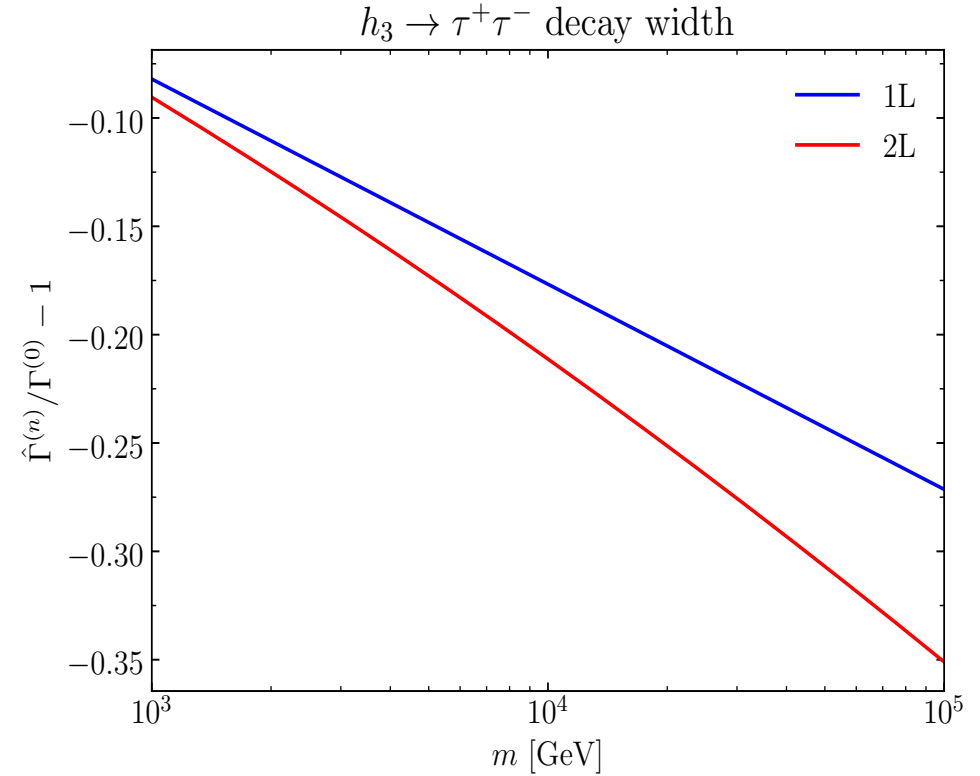
# $h_3 \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ decay – trilinear-coupling enhanced $X_a$ terms

Set  $\varepsilon=(50 \text{ GeV})^2$ ,  $X_a=3m$ , vary  $m$  between 1 and 100 TeV

(Same as  $m_1 \neq 0$ ,  $m_2=m_3$  in toy model)



$\tan\beta=1.4$ ,  $\sin\alpha_3=0.99$



$\tan\beta=1.26$ ,  $\sin\alpha_3=0.94$

- Effects can be significant! (enhanced by deviation from alignment and by multiplicity of diagrams)
- 2L corrections always well smaller than 1L ones