

# Higgs and New Physics

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# Outline

- \* Why is Higgs important? (brief)
- \* What can the (HL)-LHC contribute?

Highlight some promising directions.

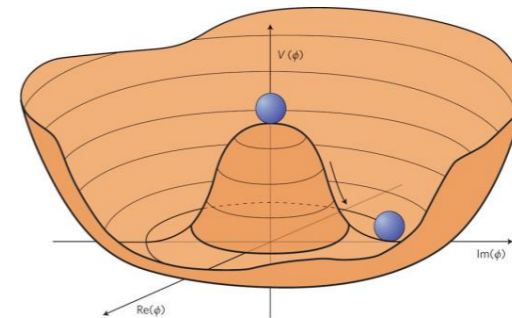
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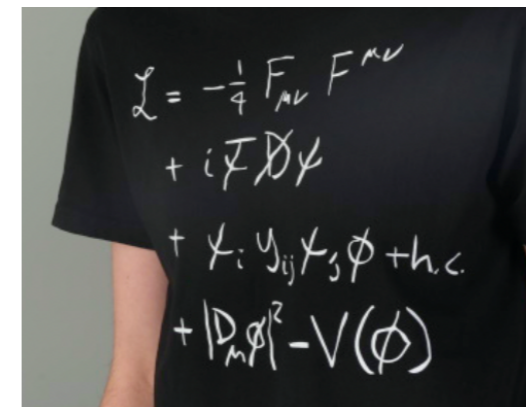
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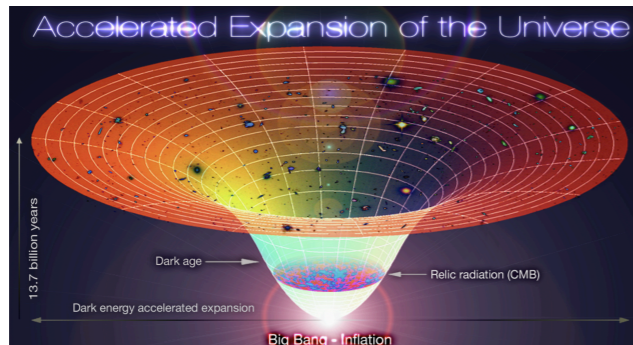
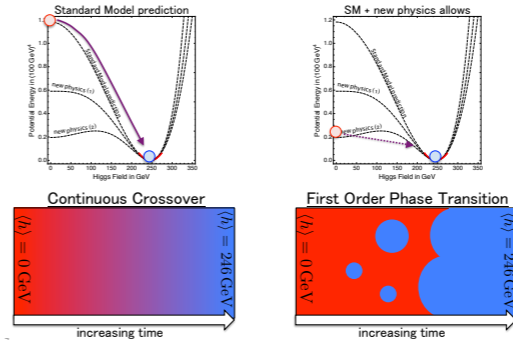
Is the Higgs the only spin-0 particle, or there are similar ones?

Where does the electroweak scale come from?

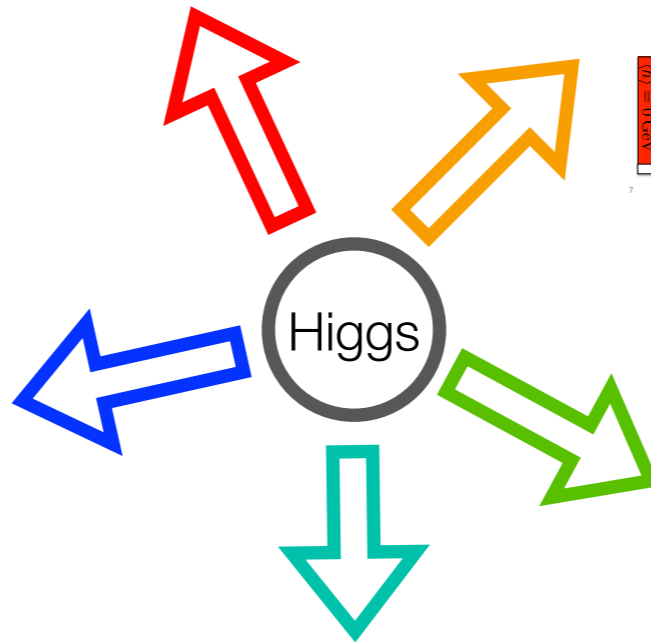
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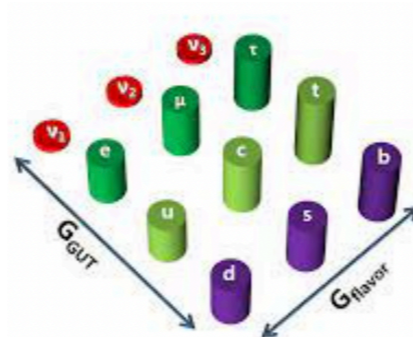
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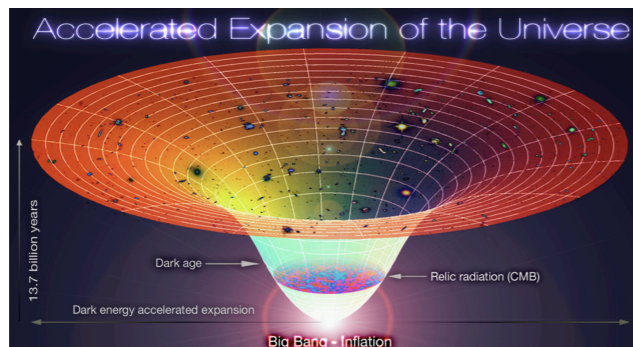
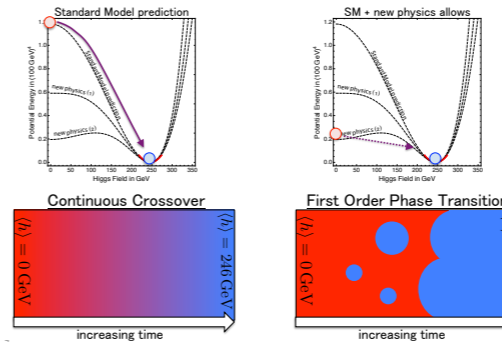


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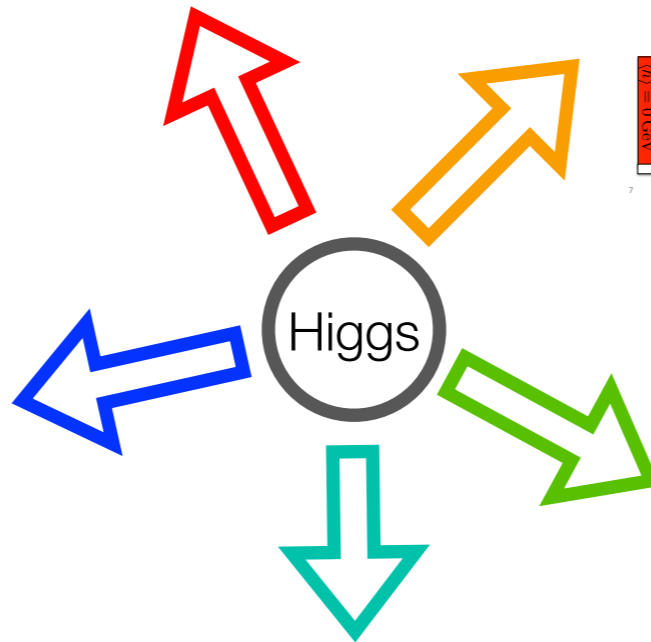
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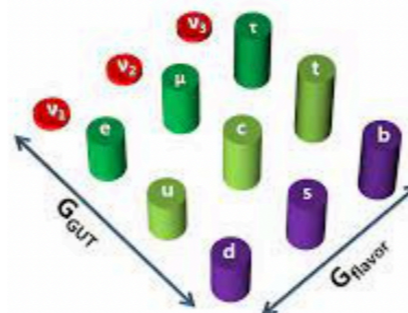
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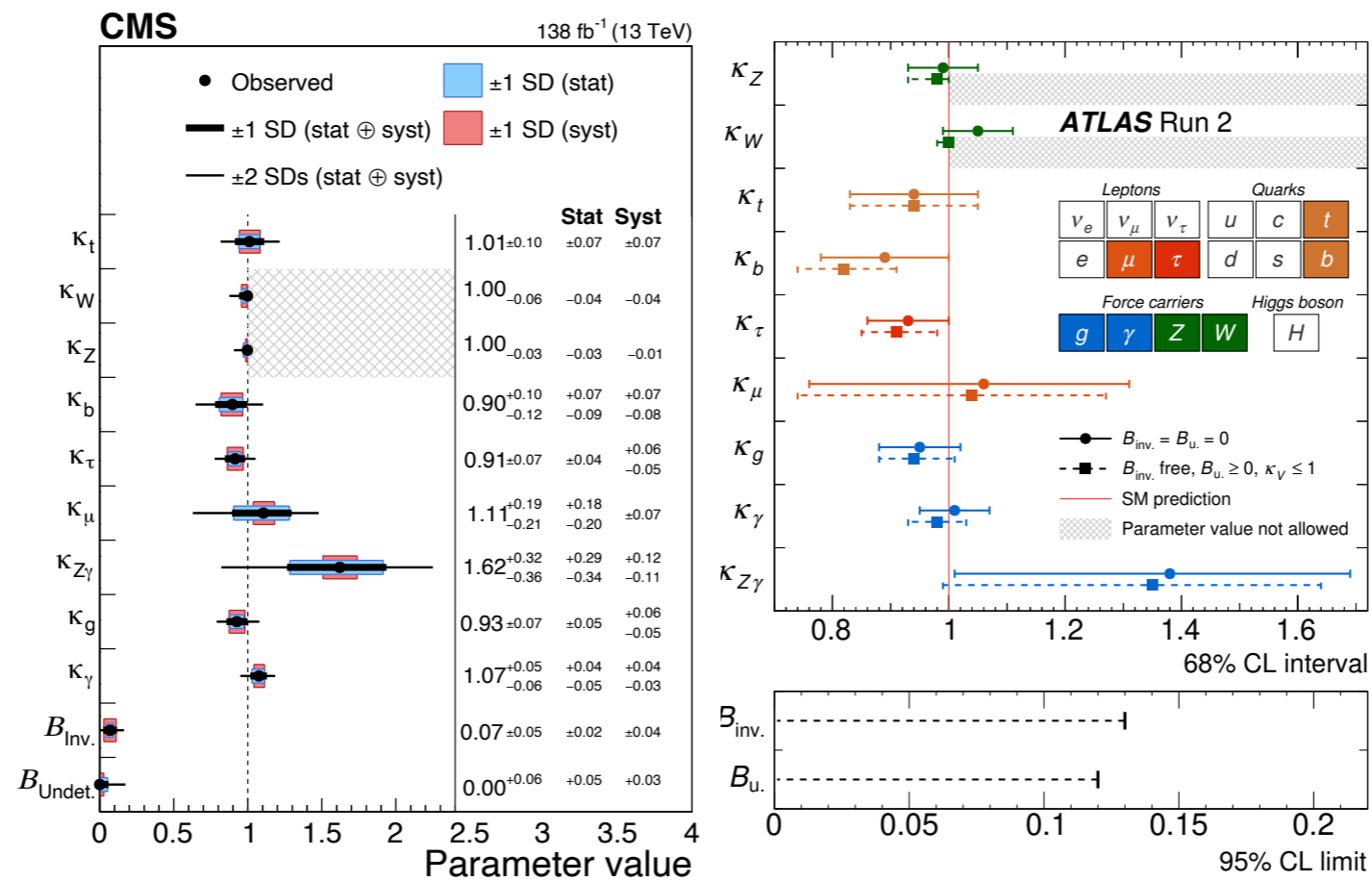
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Higgs is likely to play a role in many of these, but **how?**

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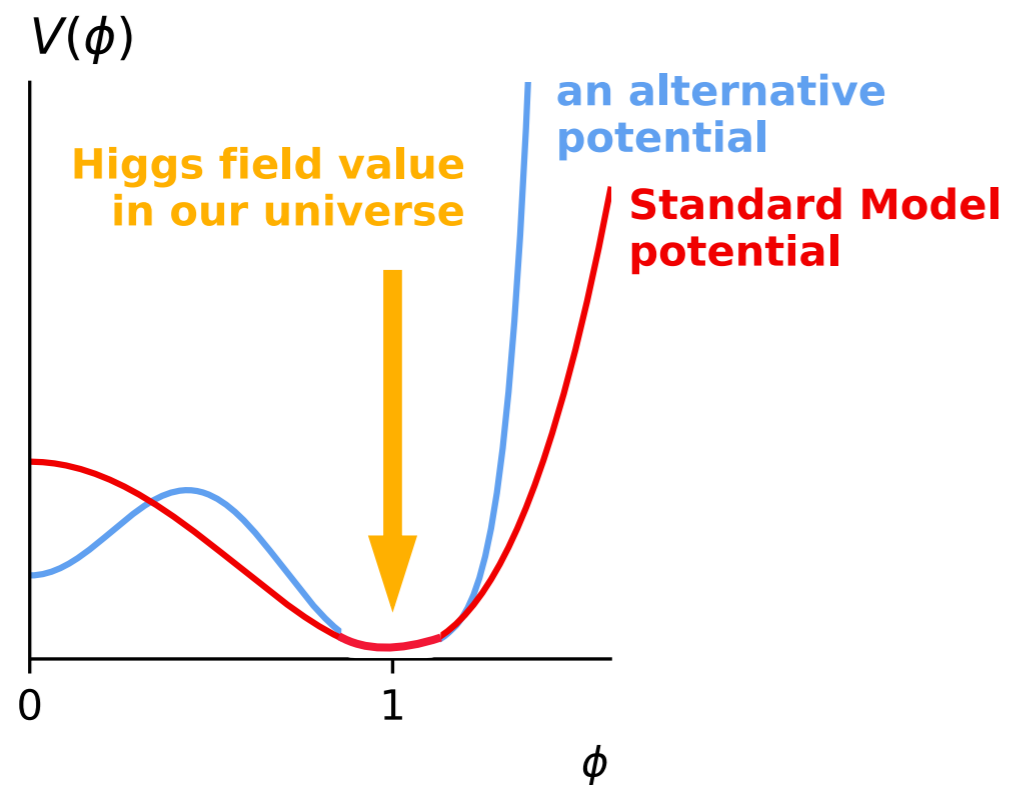


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Other electroweak couplings known to much better precision  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$ .

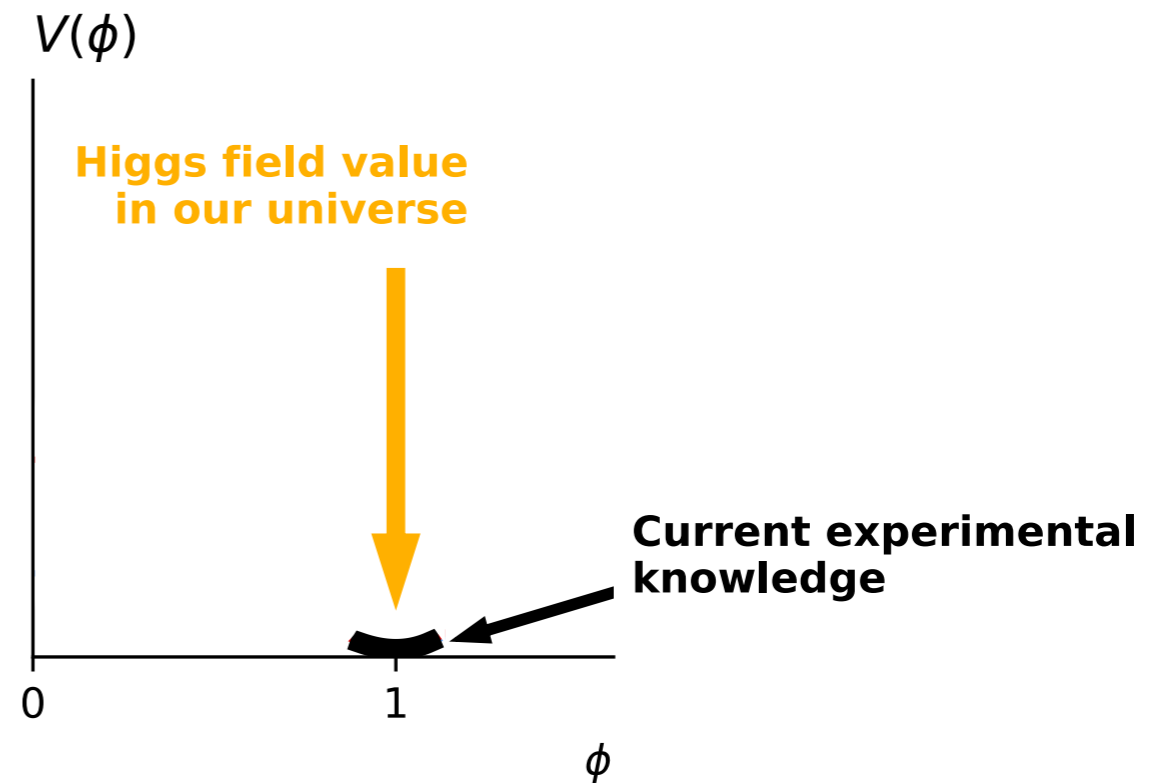
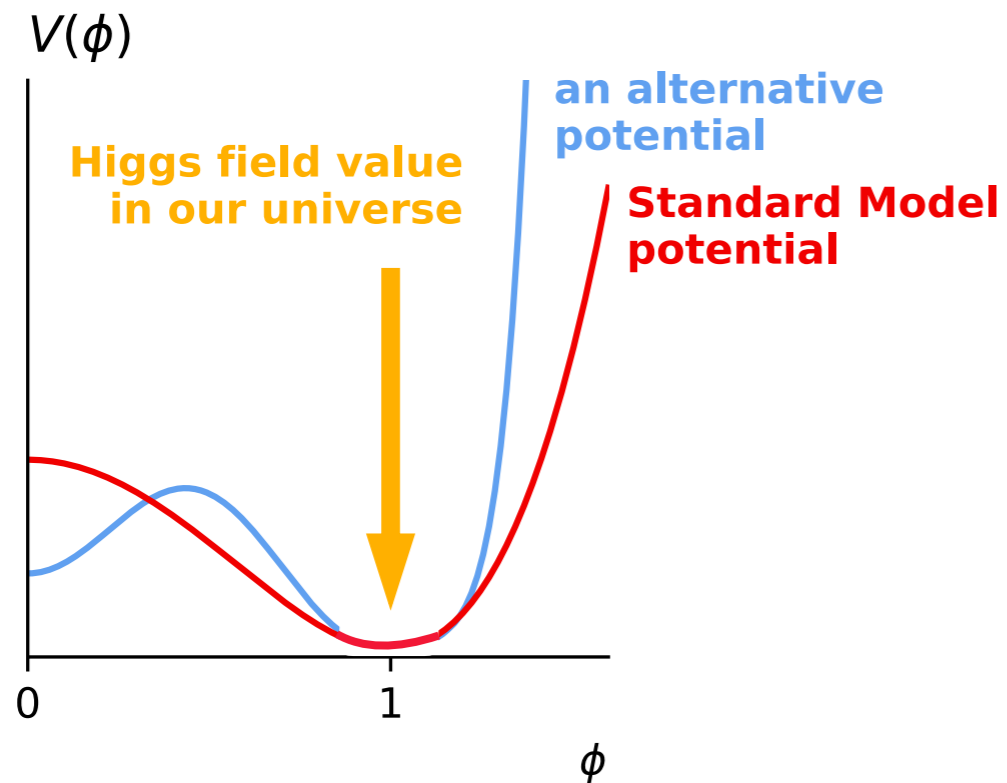
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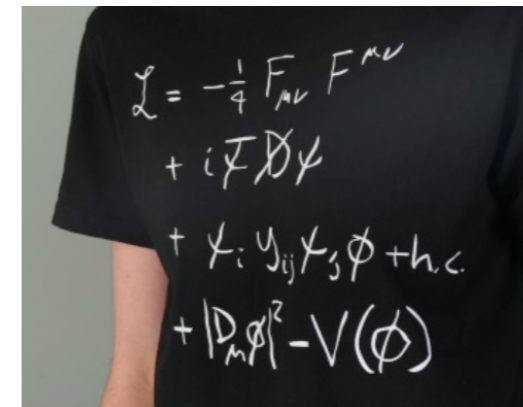
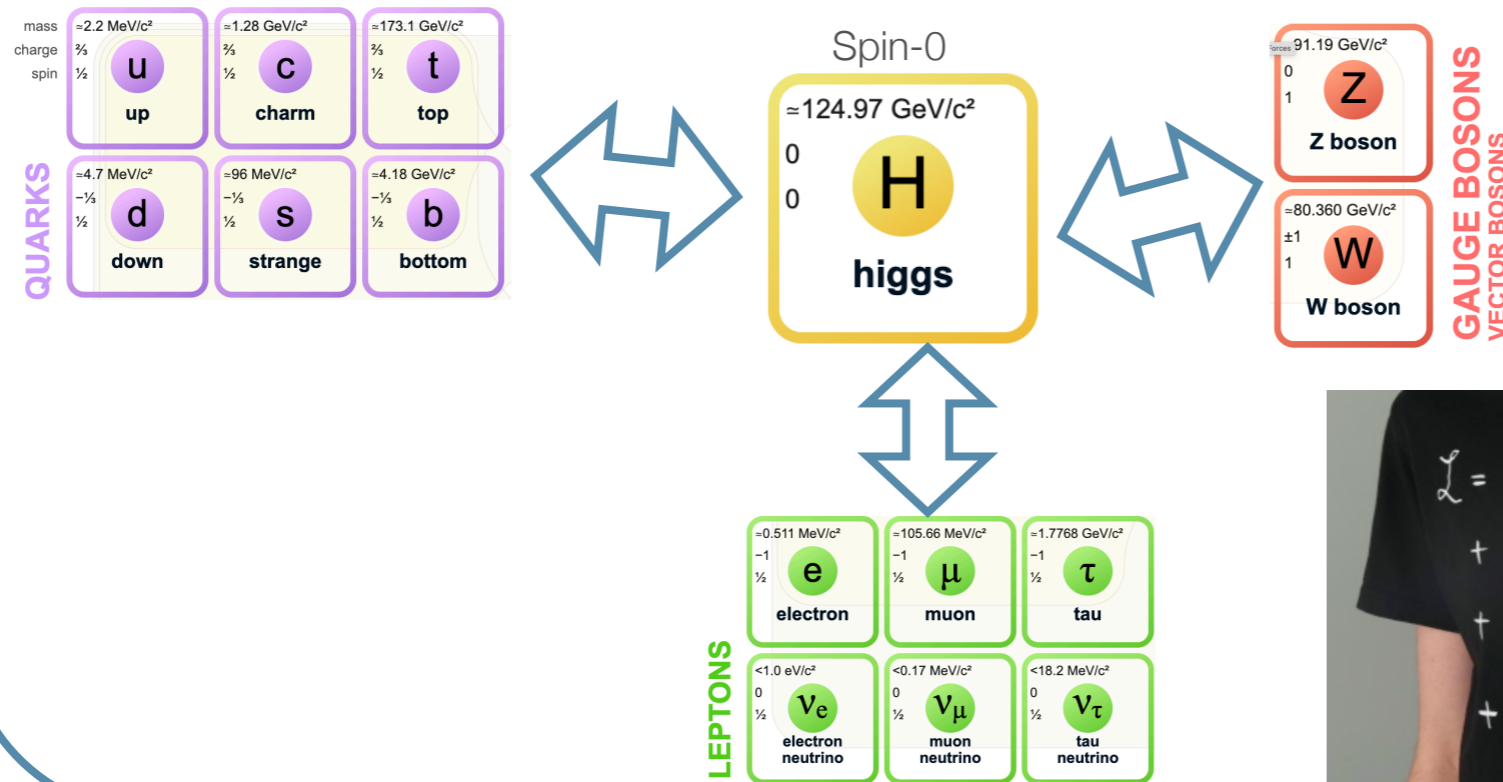
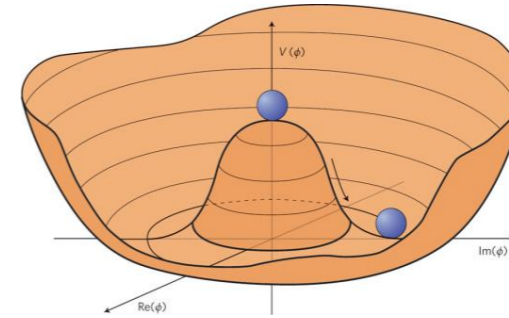
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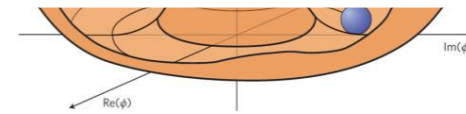
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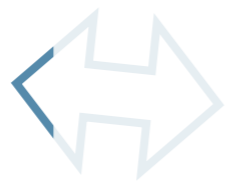
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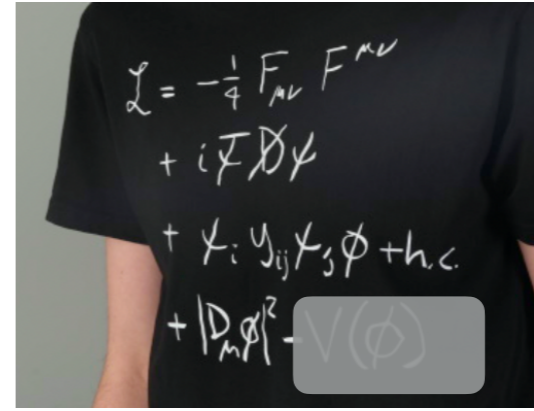
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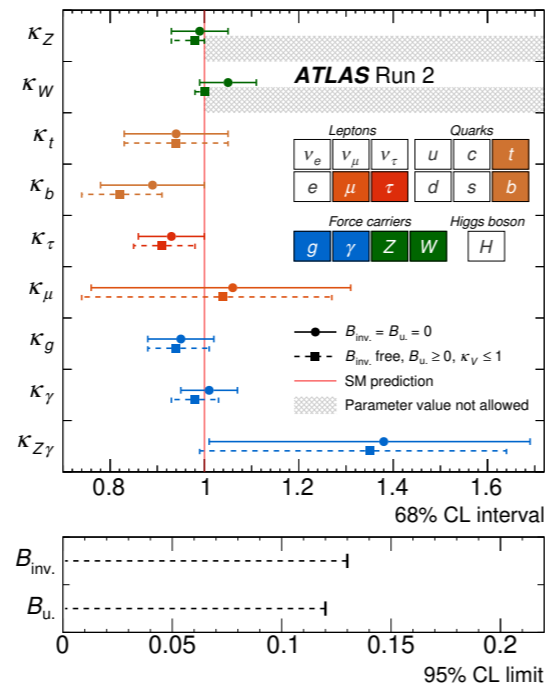
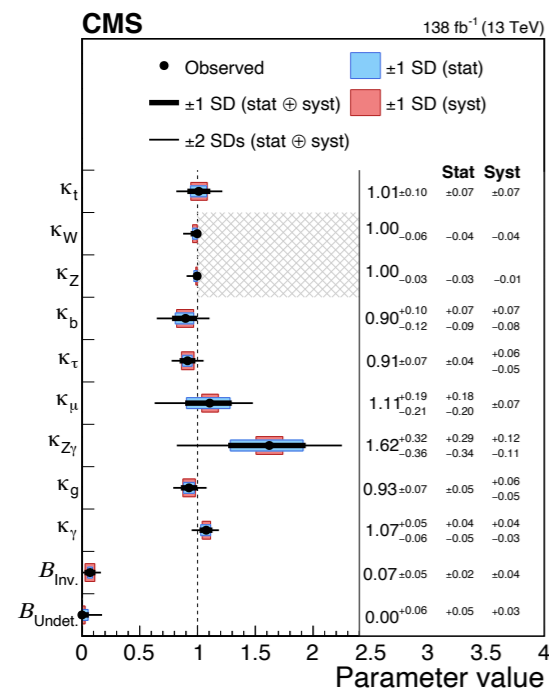


Are we really sure the SM is as simple as it appears to be?

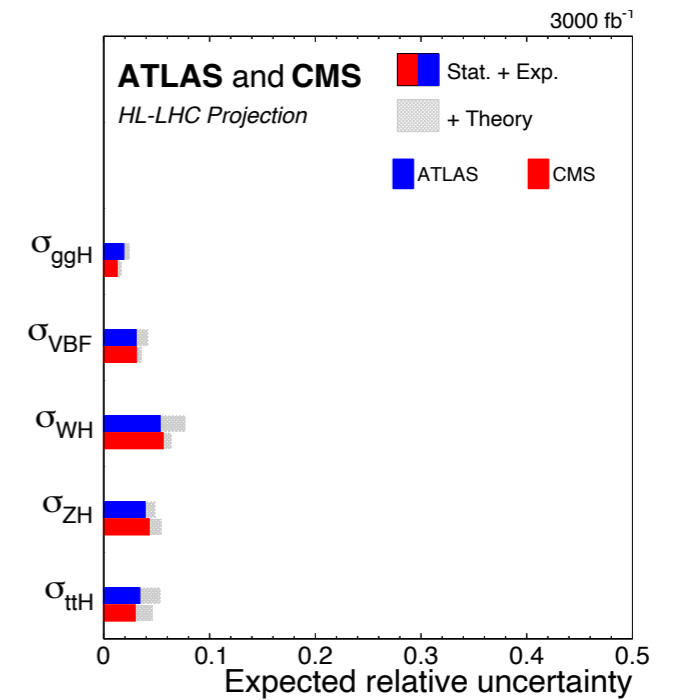
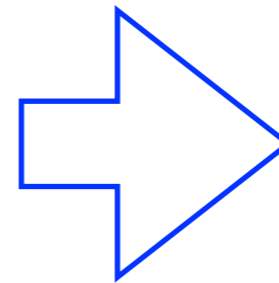
This is the “bread and butter”.

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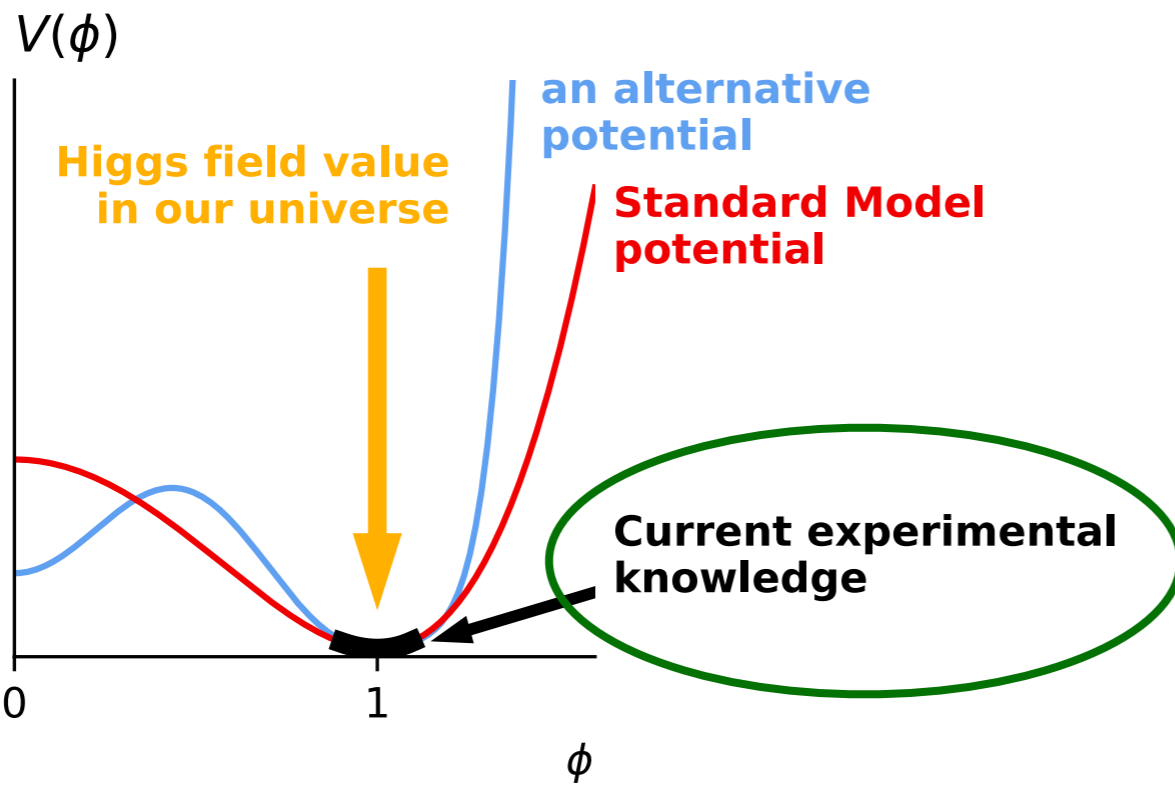


Eventually at the LHC

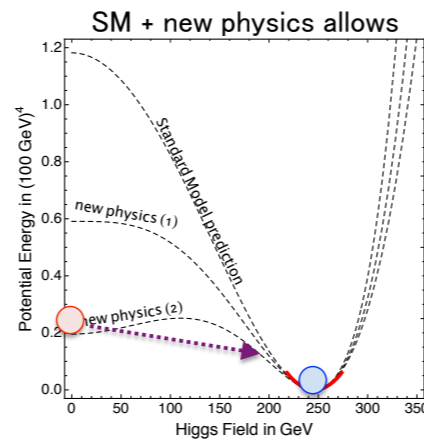
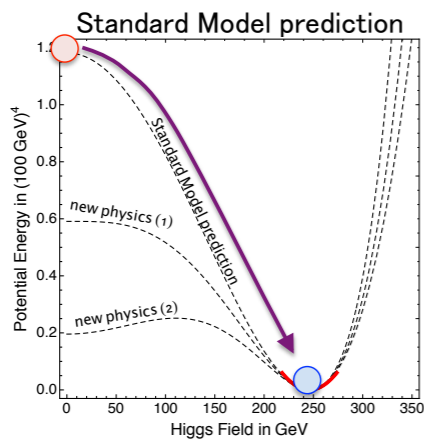


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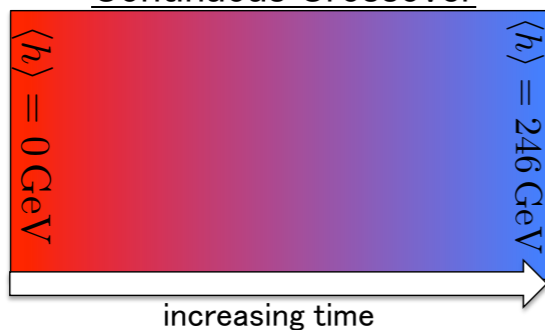


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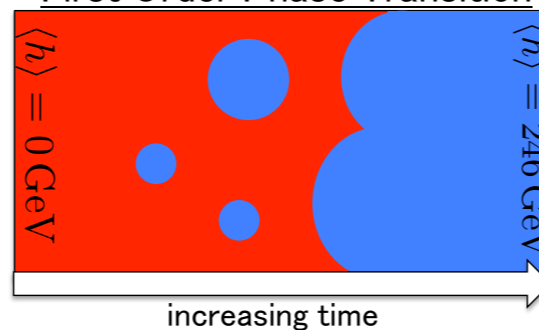


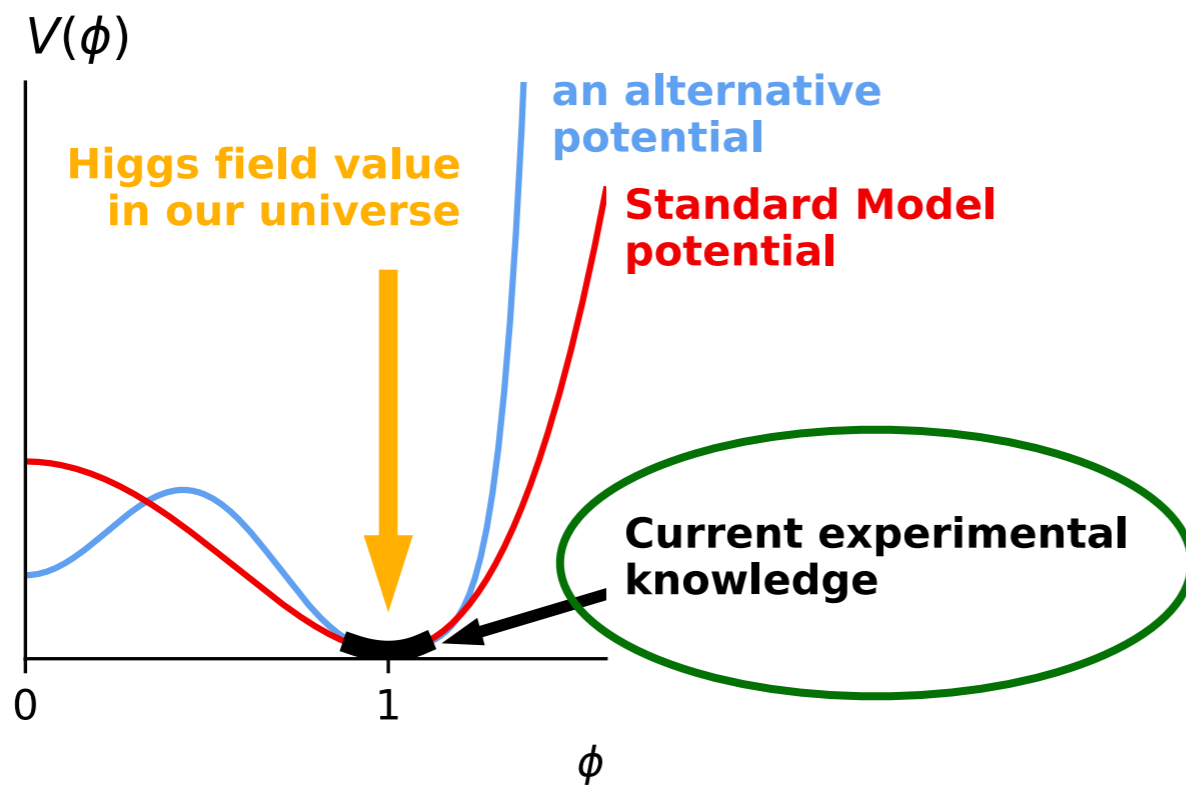
How does Higgs evolve in the early universe?

Continuous Crossover



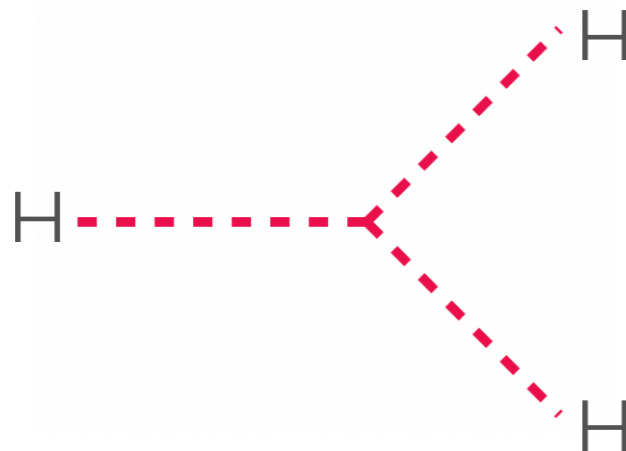
First Order Phase Transition





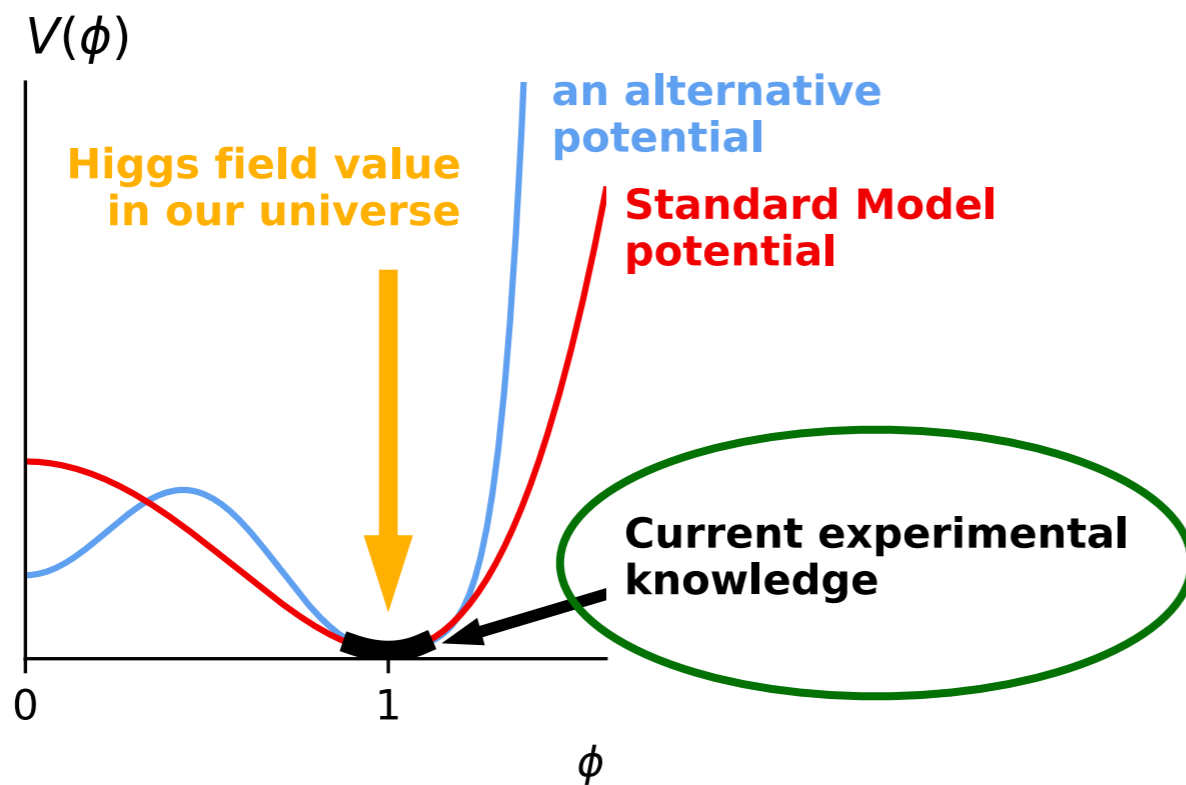
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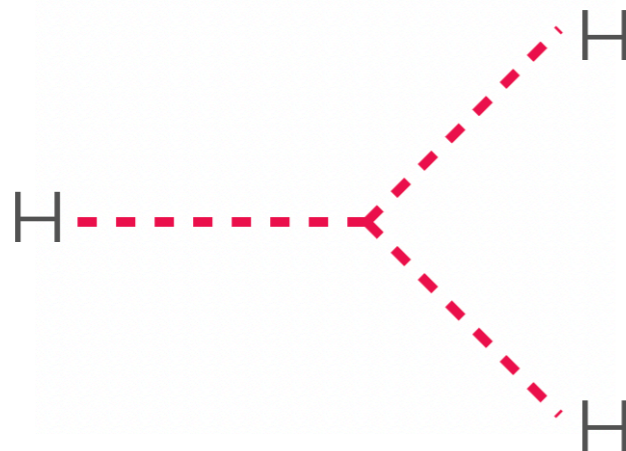
Unique kind of coupling.  
Important to observe it!

Is this the best place to look  
for new physics?

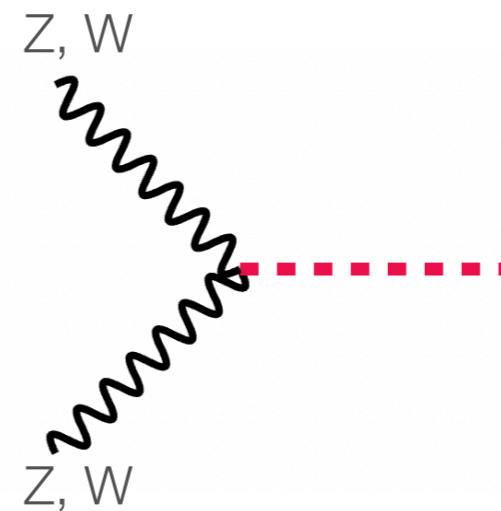


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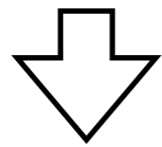


2. New physics in the alternative scenario often induce changes in other Higgs coupling, such as  $hZ$



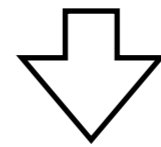
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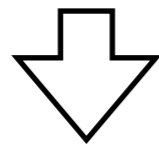


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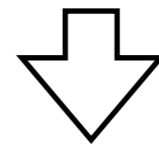
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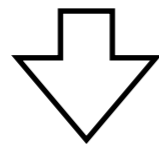
No special symmetry, both will generally be there.

All dim-6 operator  $\Rightarrow$  similar size of modification

H-Z coupling much better measured, should be the place to first discover such a modification.

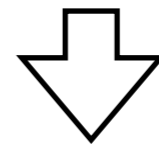
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However,  $\delta_{Zh} \propto g_z$ , while  $\delta_{\lambda_3}$  is not related to  $\lambda_{3,\text{SM}}$

With some tuning, one can find models in which  $\delta_{\lambda_3} > \delta_{Zh}$

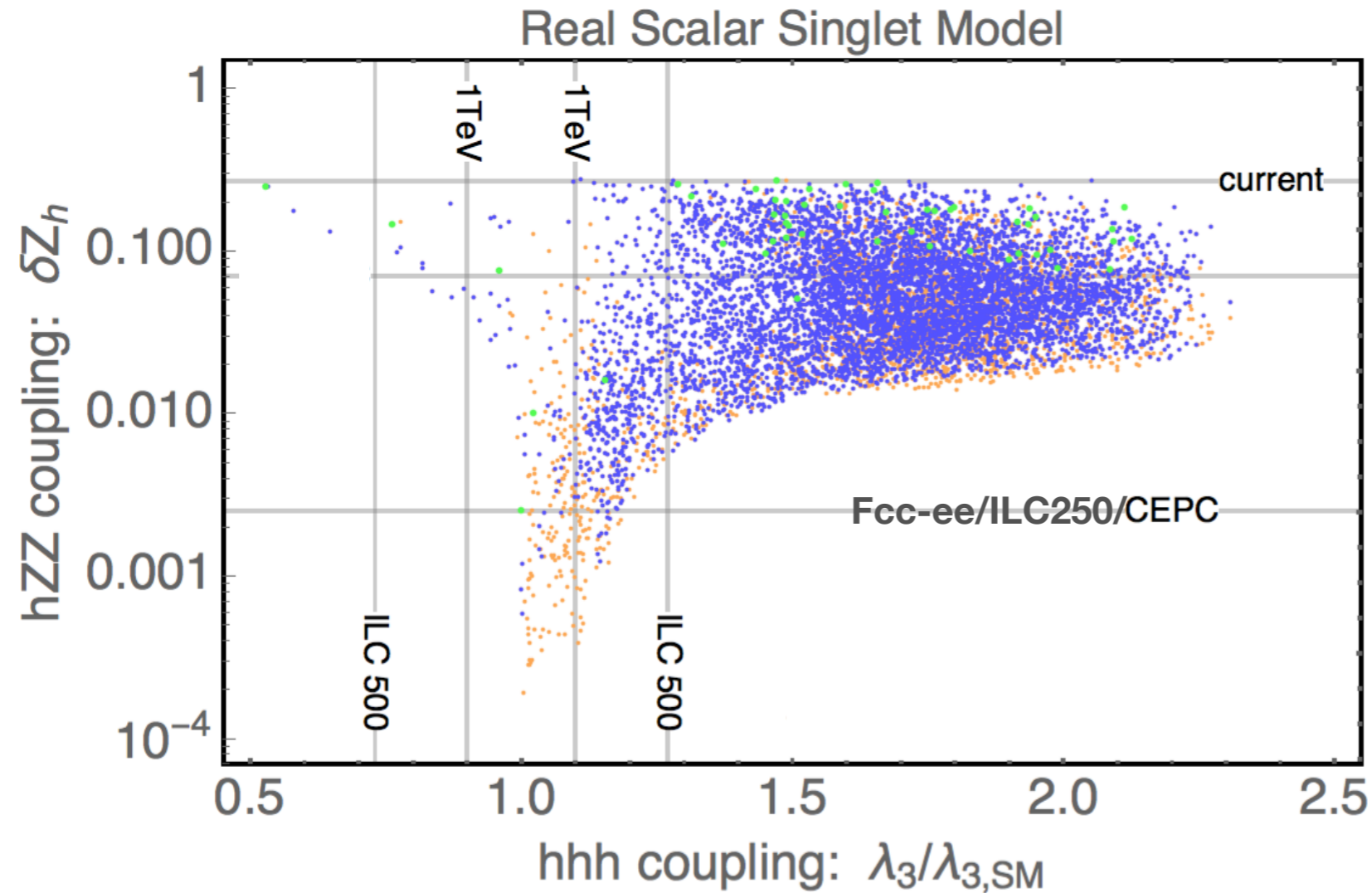
# Simplest example: Higgs + singlet

$$\mathcal{L} \supset V(H) + V(S) + \lambda H^\dagger H S^2$$

For  $m_s > m_h$ , integrating out singlet

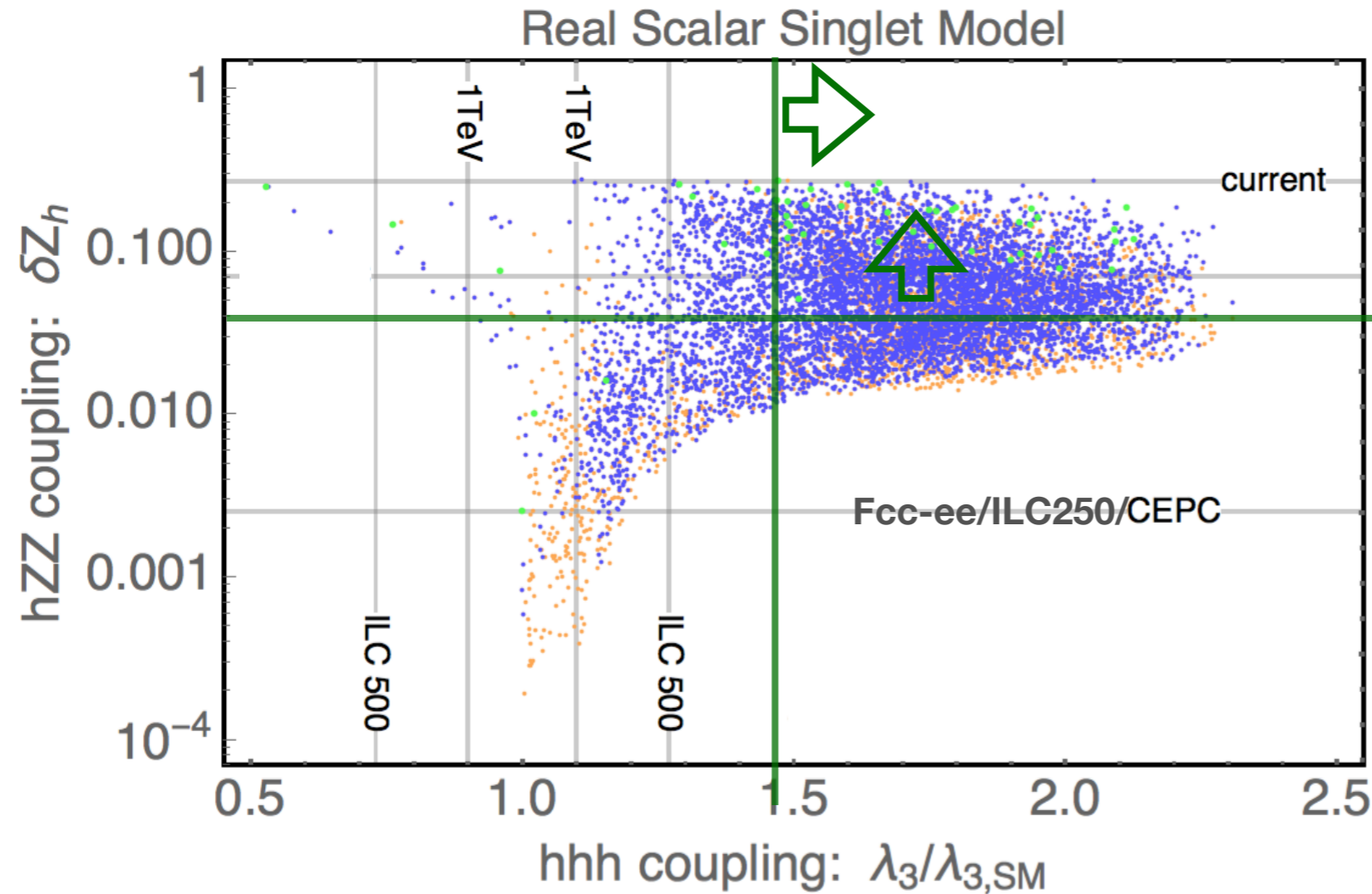
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Interesting progress.

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# Self-coupling: bottom line

- \* Unique coupling, never seen before, good to see it.
- \* Generically, H-Z coupling (better measured) more sensitive to new physics.
- \* If we are lucky (e.g. 1st order EWPT ), may see large deviation in self-coupling.

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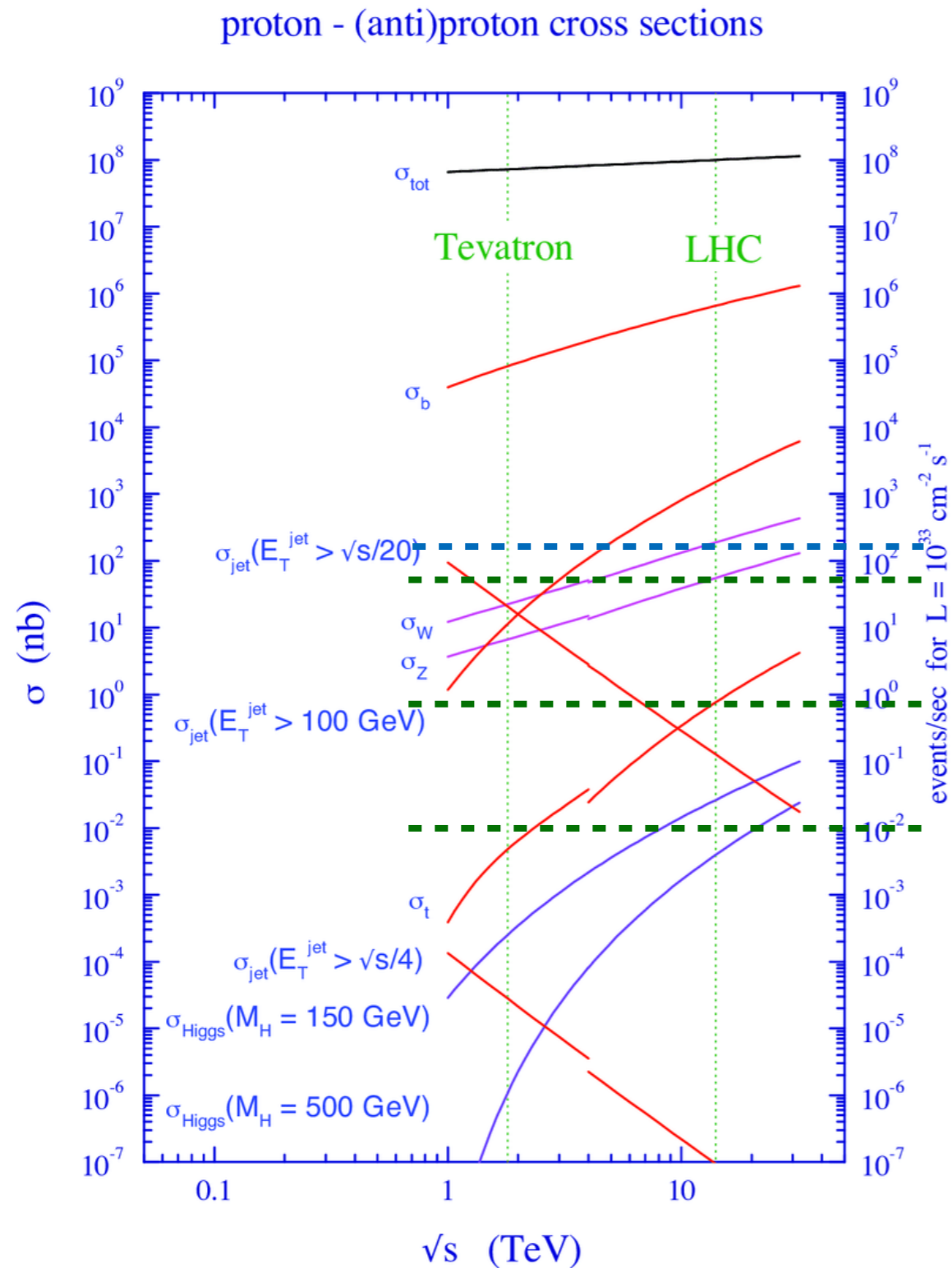
Rare processes



Unlikely, but seeing one can teach us a lot.

Large luminosity leads to big improvements.

# HL-LHC as particle factories



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>  $10^{11}$  W and Zs

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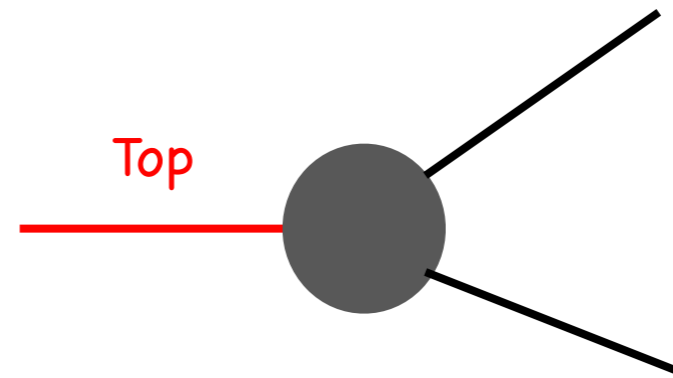
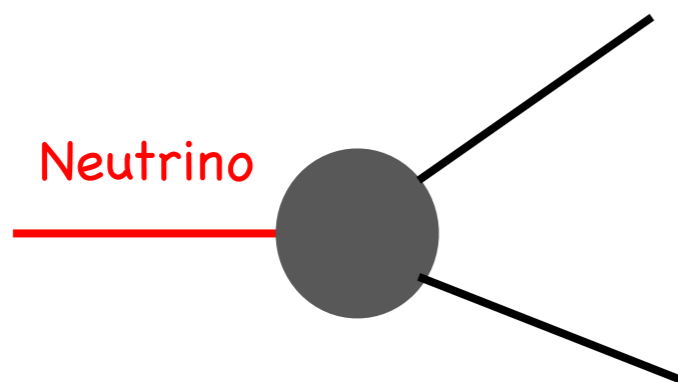
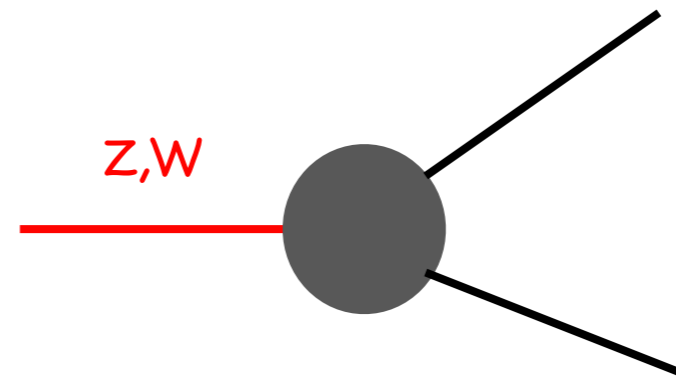
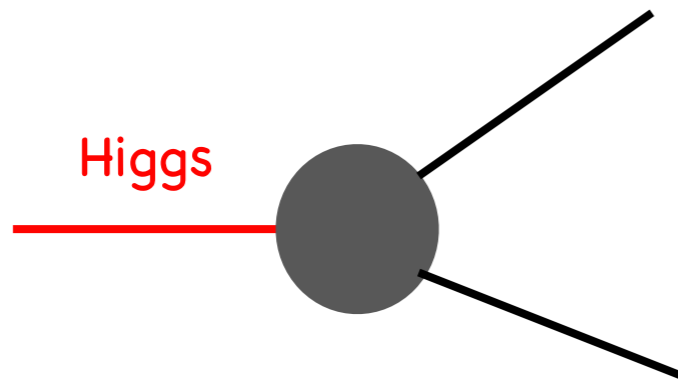
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Promising for rare decay  
with distinct final state!



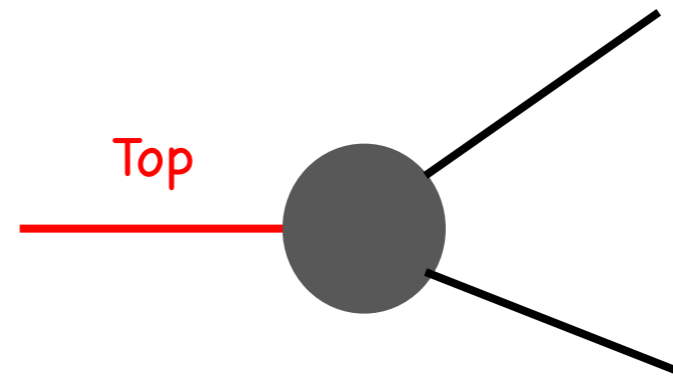
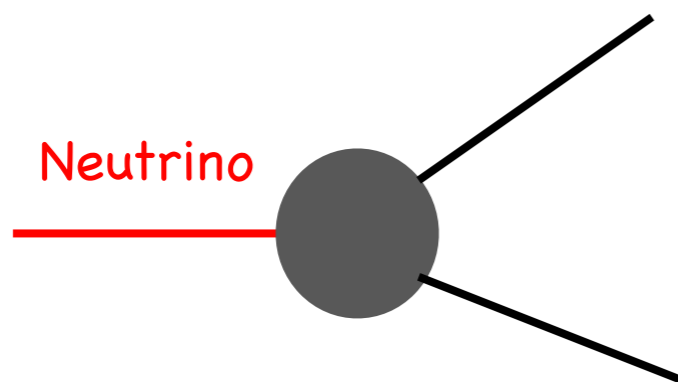
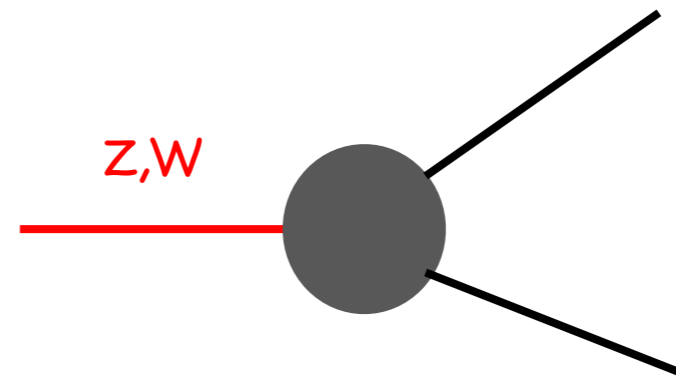
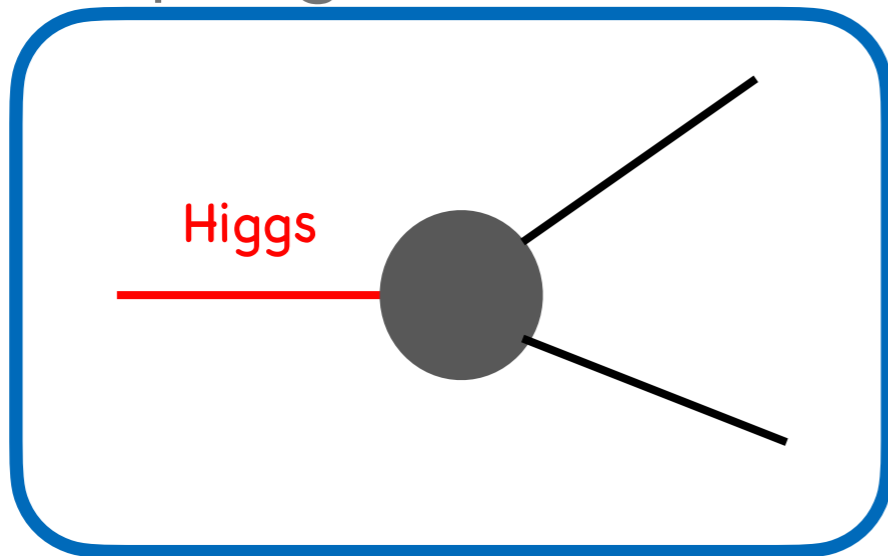
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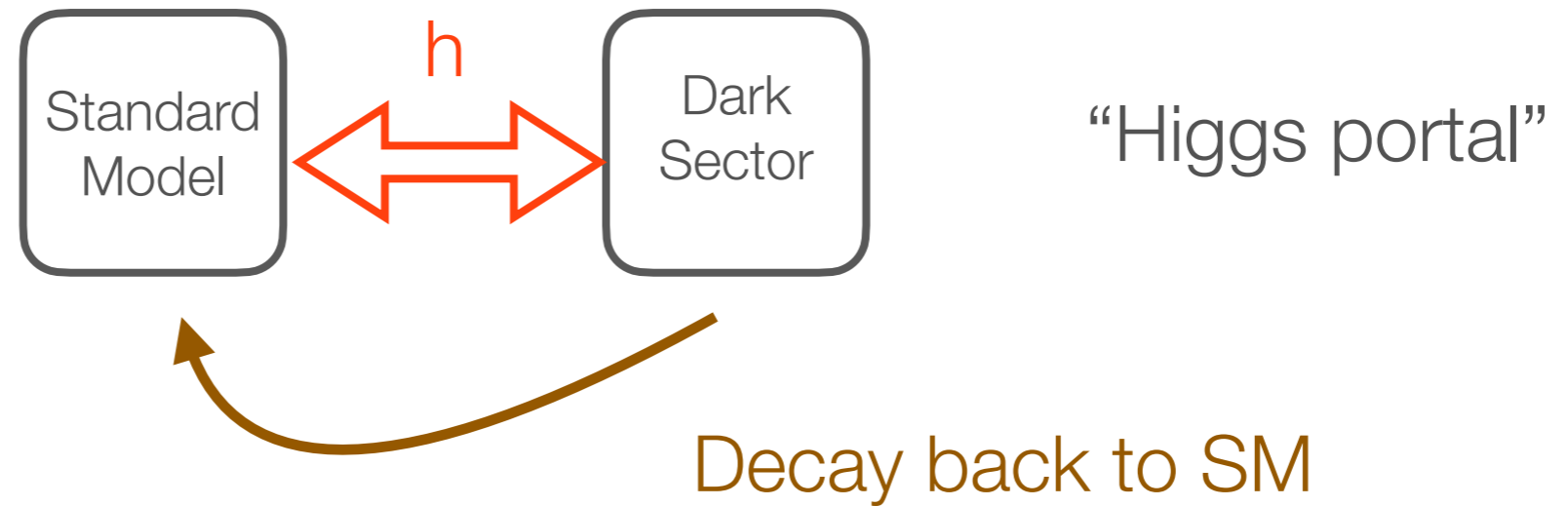


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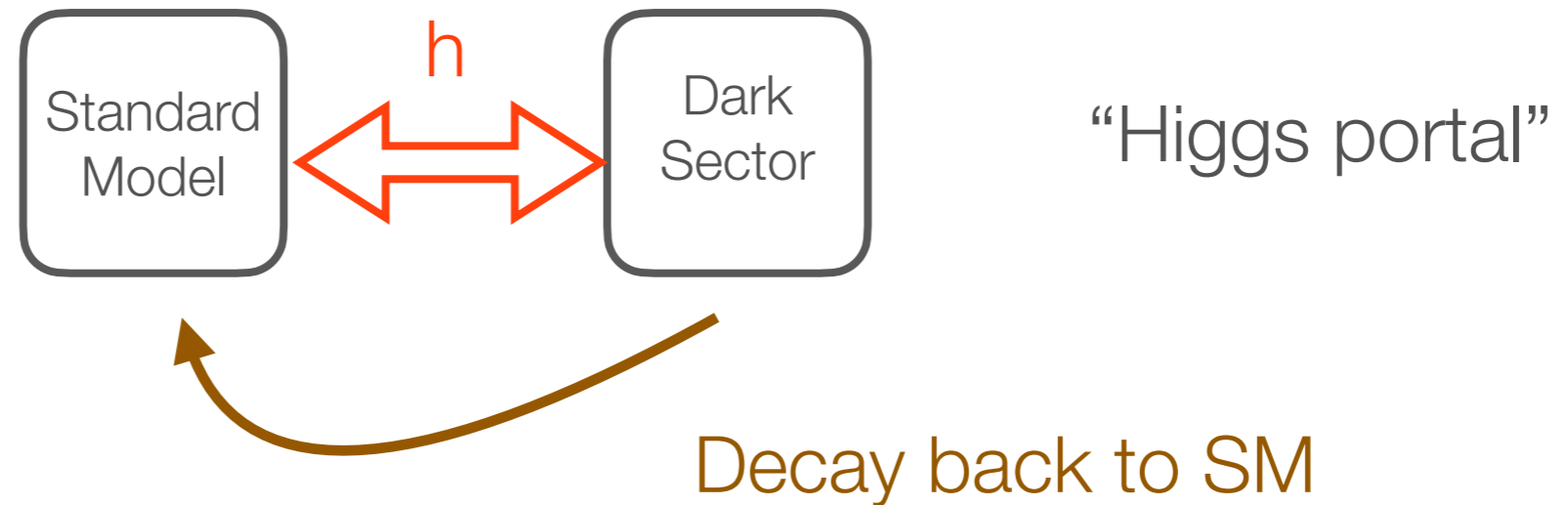
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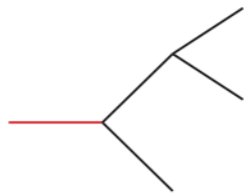
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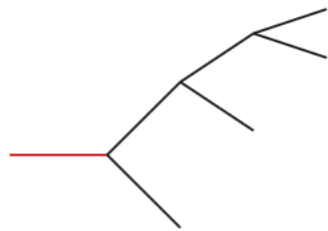
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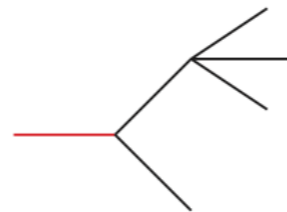
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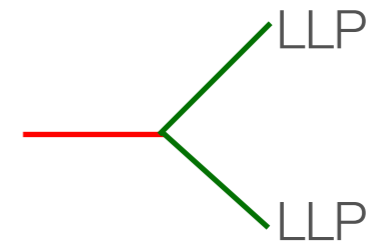


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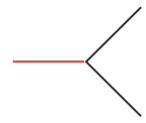
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Long lived particles

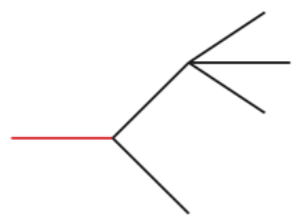
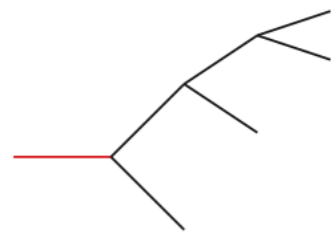
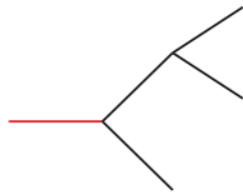




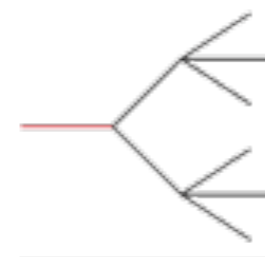
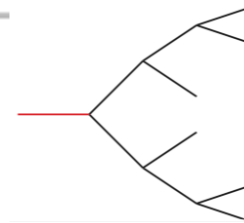
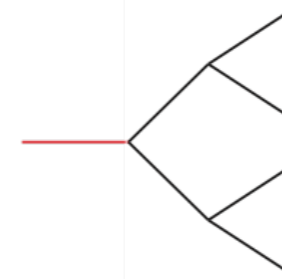
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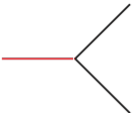
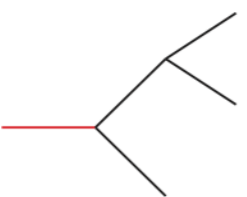
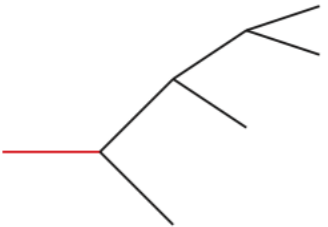
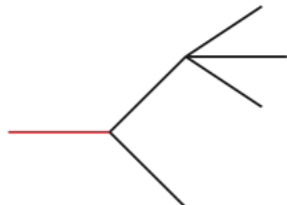
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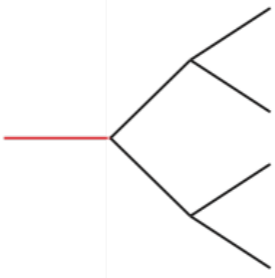
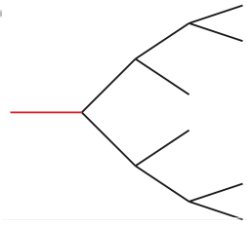



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More challenging, but worth pursuing!

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For  $m_s < 0.5 \times m_h$

After EWSB,  $\Gamma(h \rightarrow ss) \propto (\lambda v)^2$ .

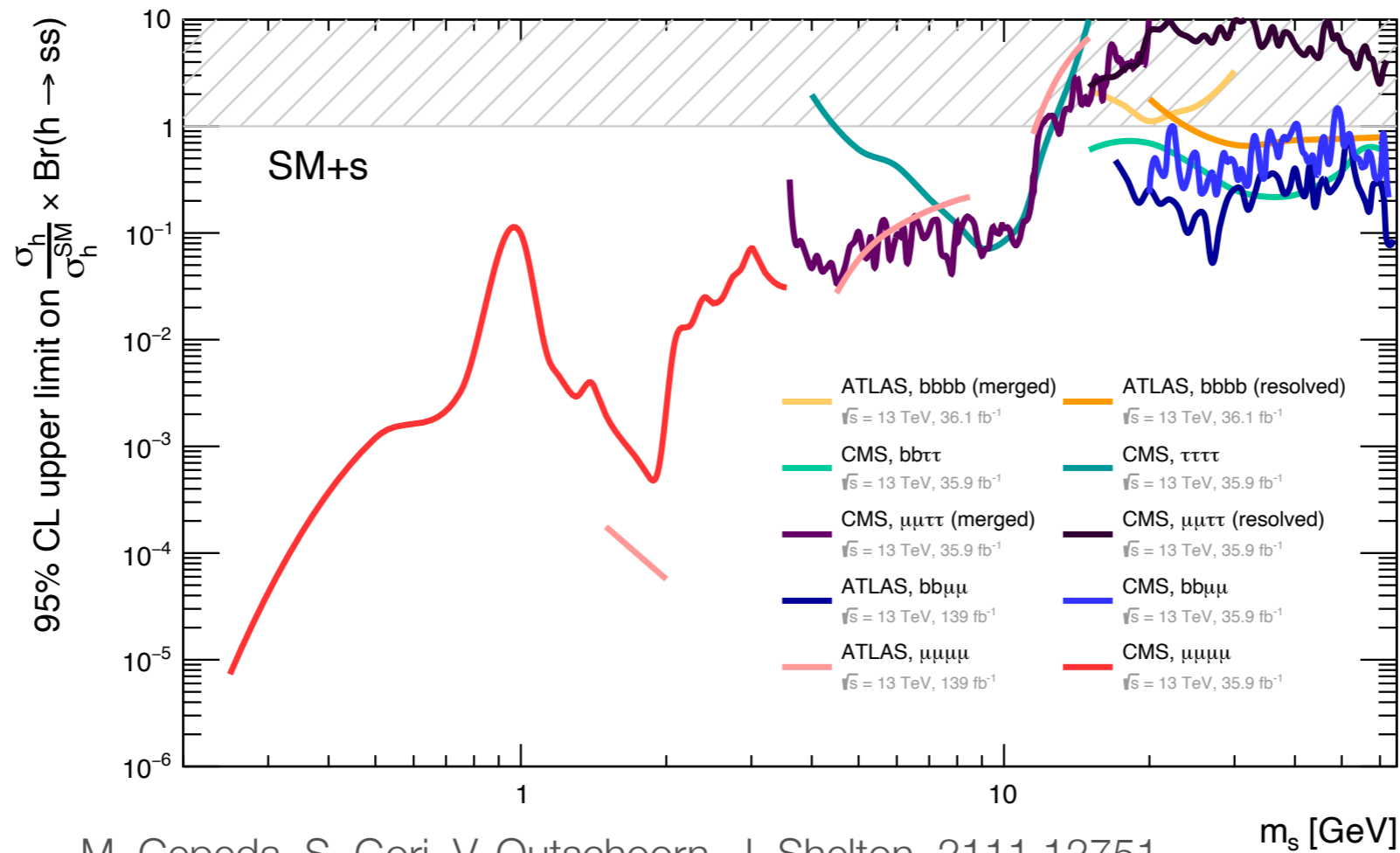
Can be significant since  $\Gamma_h^{\text{SM,tot}}$  is very narrow.

If  $\langle S \rangle = 0$ , missing energy

If  $\langle S \rangle \neq 0$ , singlet mixes with Higgs, prefers to decay to heavy fermion

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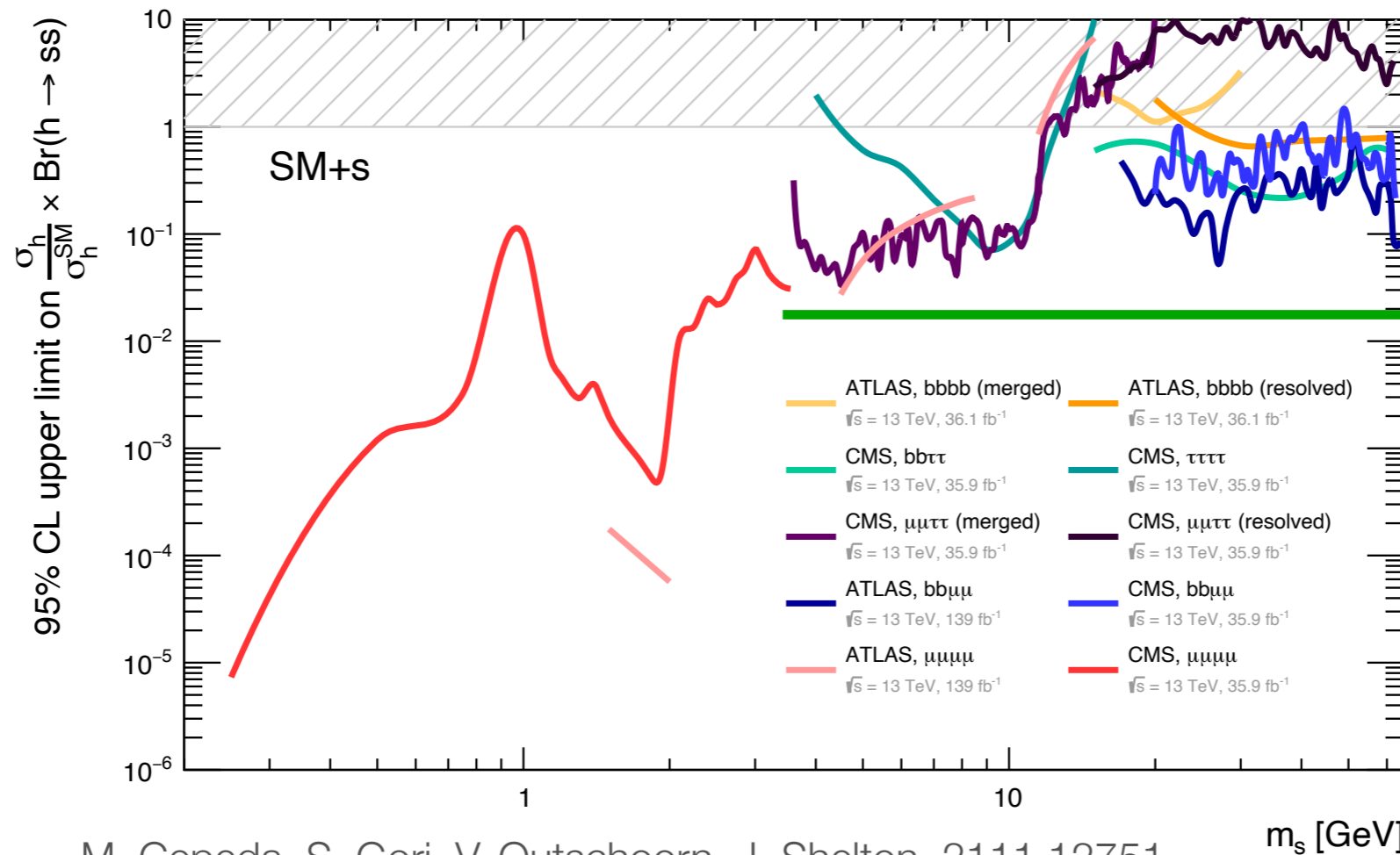


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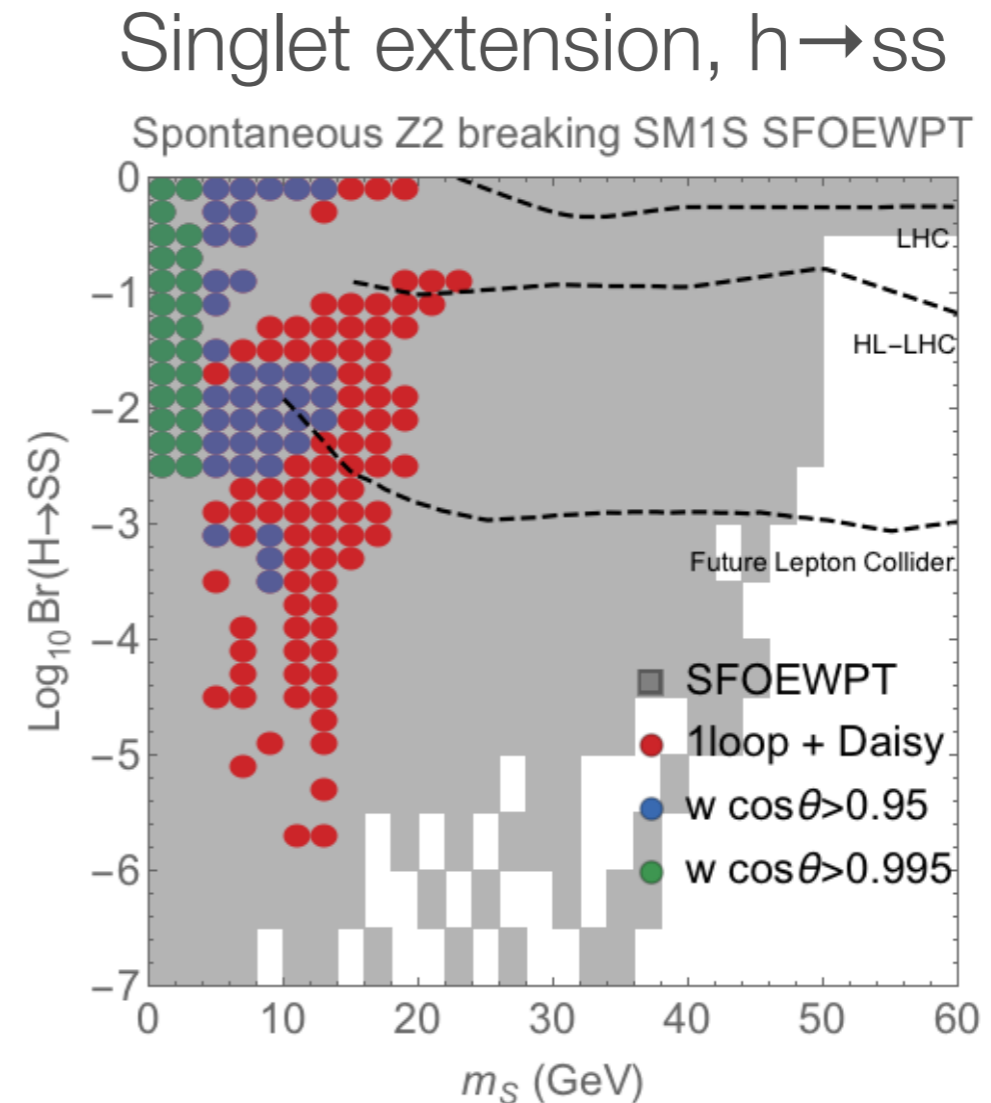
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A lot of room to improve!



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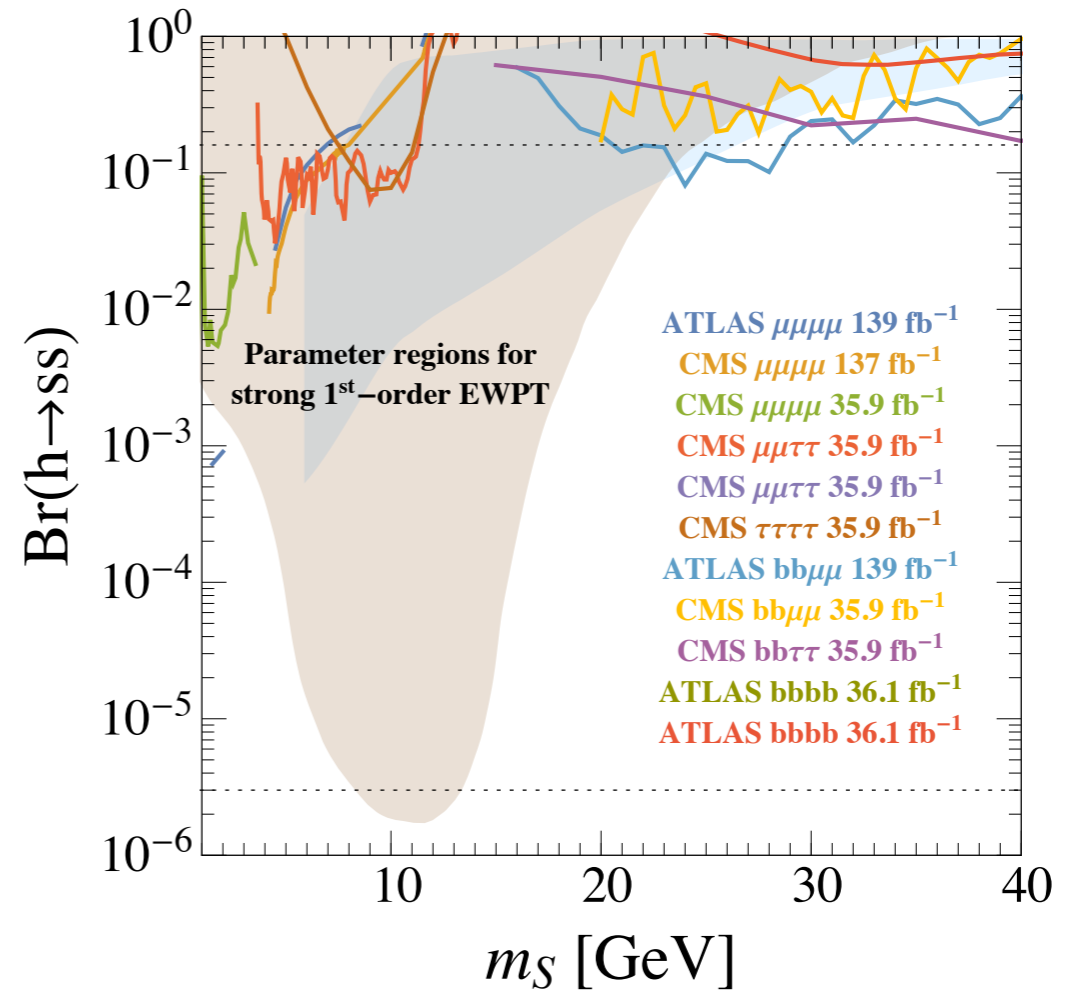
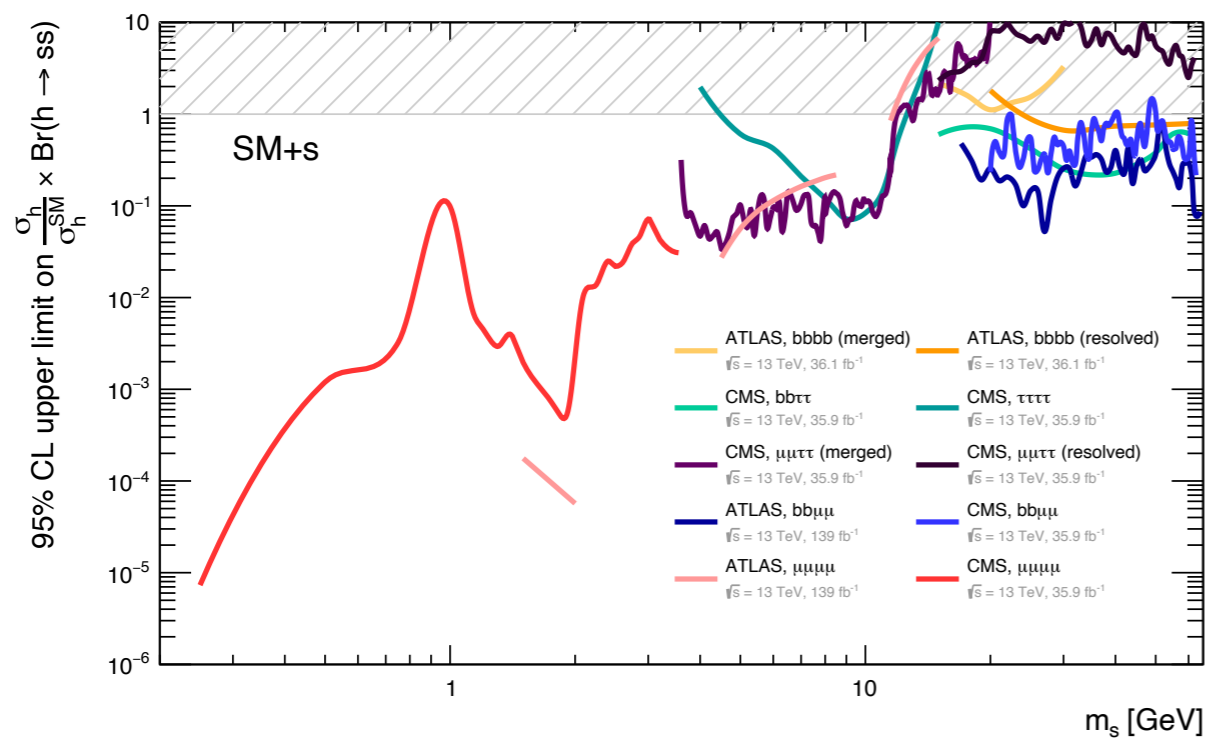
Extra scalar wants to be light,  
with sizable coupling to the Higgs



Carena, Liu, Wang, 1911.10206

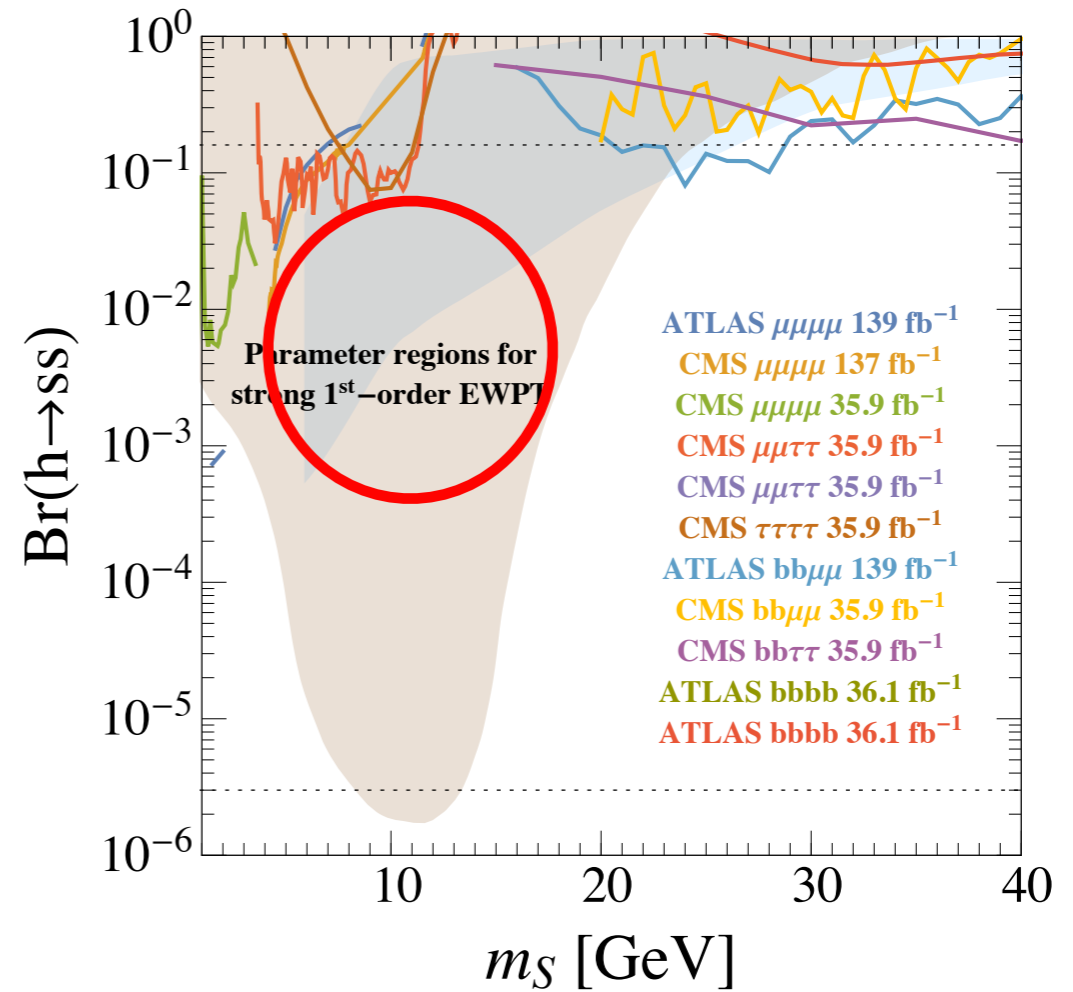
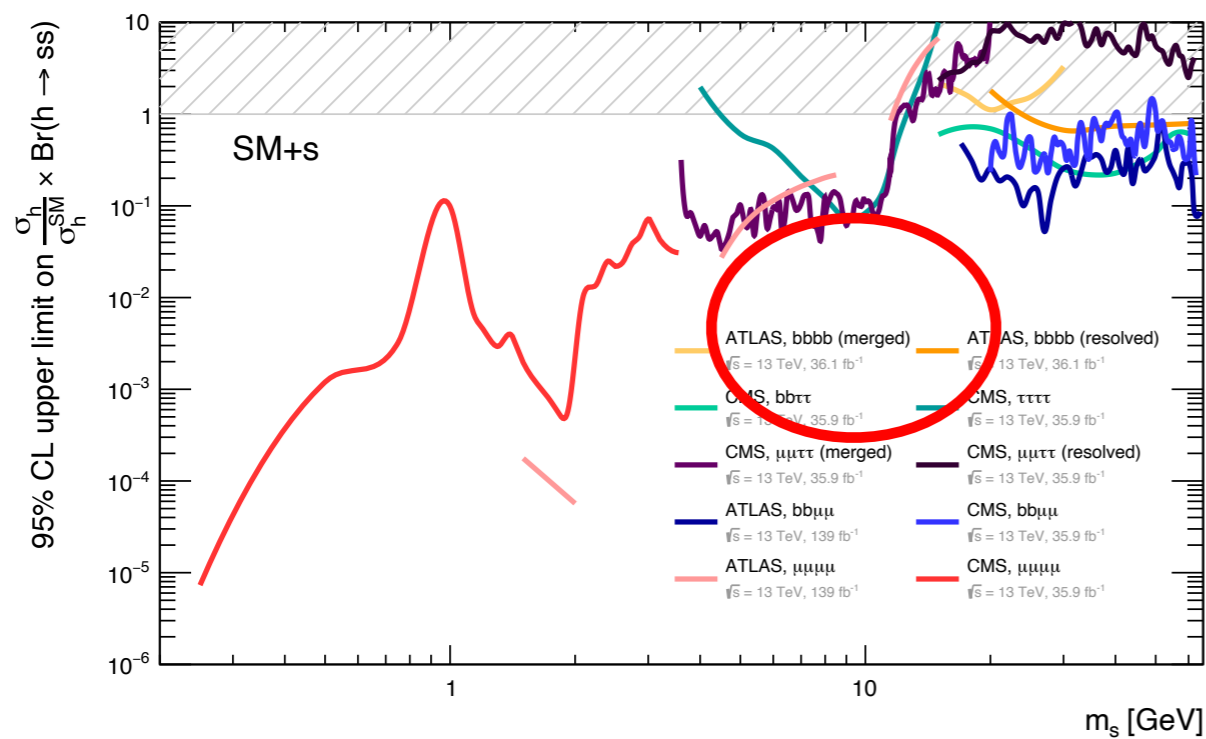
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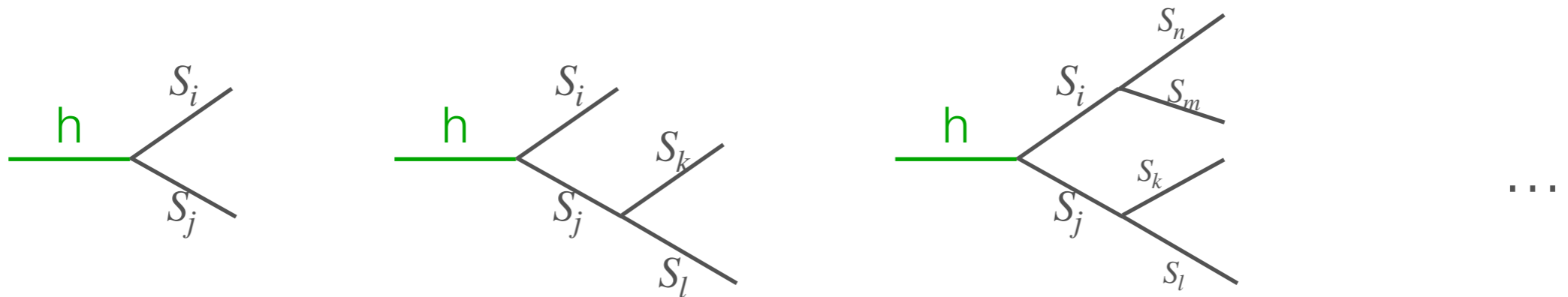
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Connection to the Higgs mass, Higgs couples to the scalars

$$\mathcal{L} \supset H^\dagger H \sum_{i,j}^N \lambda_{ij} S_i S_j + \dots, \quad N \gg 1$$

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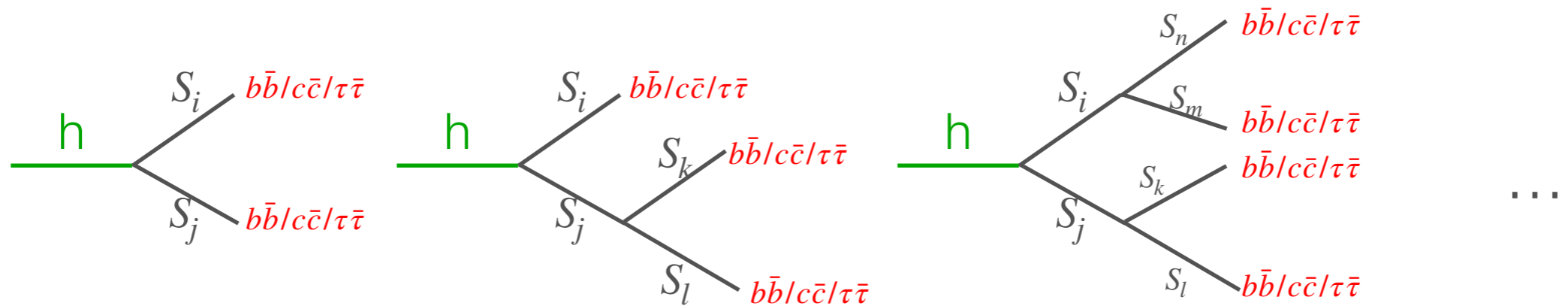


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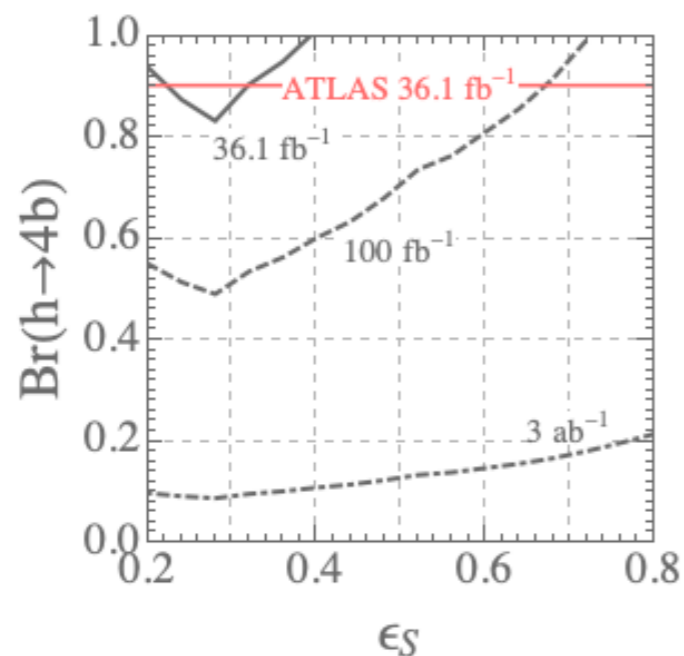
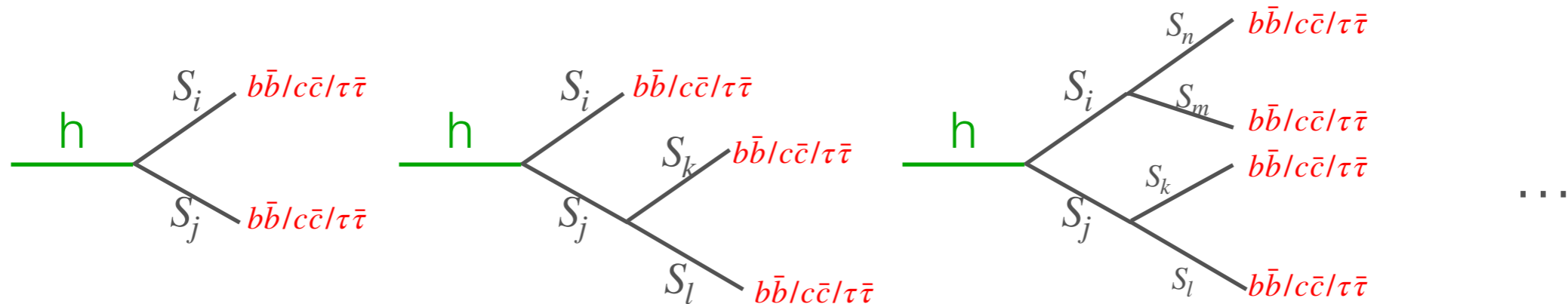


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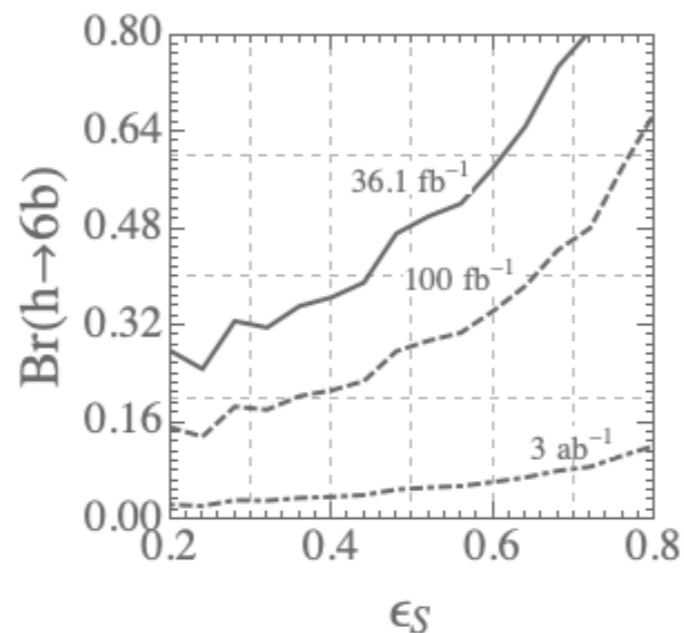
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$\Rightarrow$   $b/c/\tau$  rich states, but not reconstructing particular resonances.

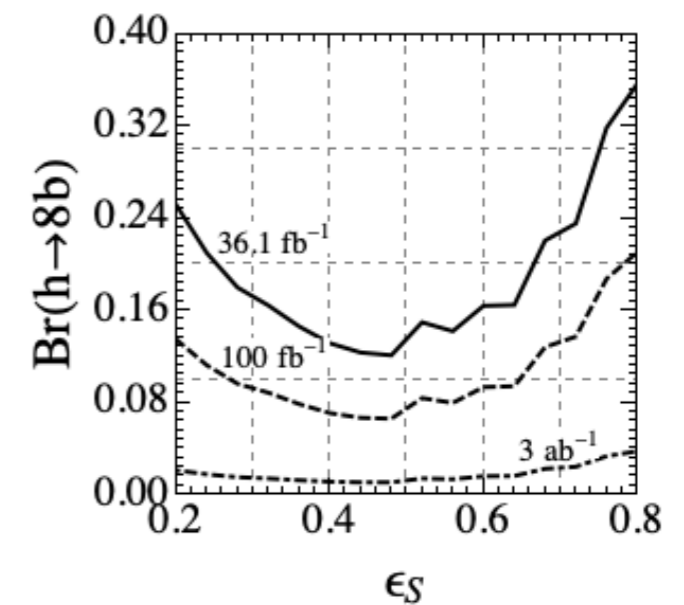
# Are we ready for this?



$Wh \rightarrow \ell\nu + bs$



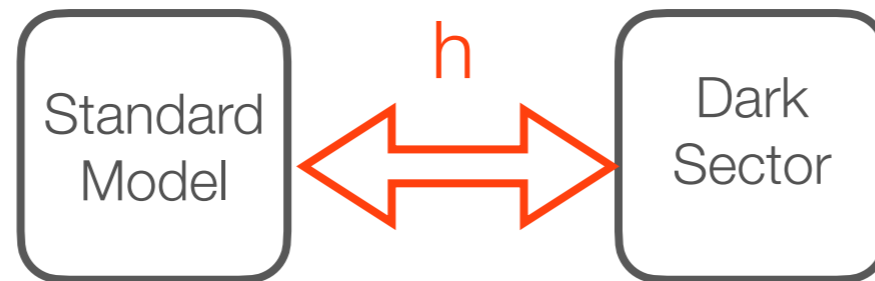
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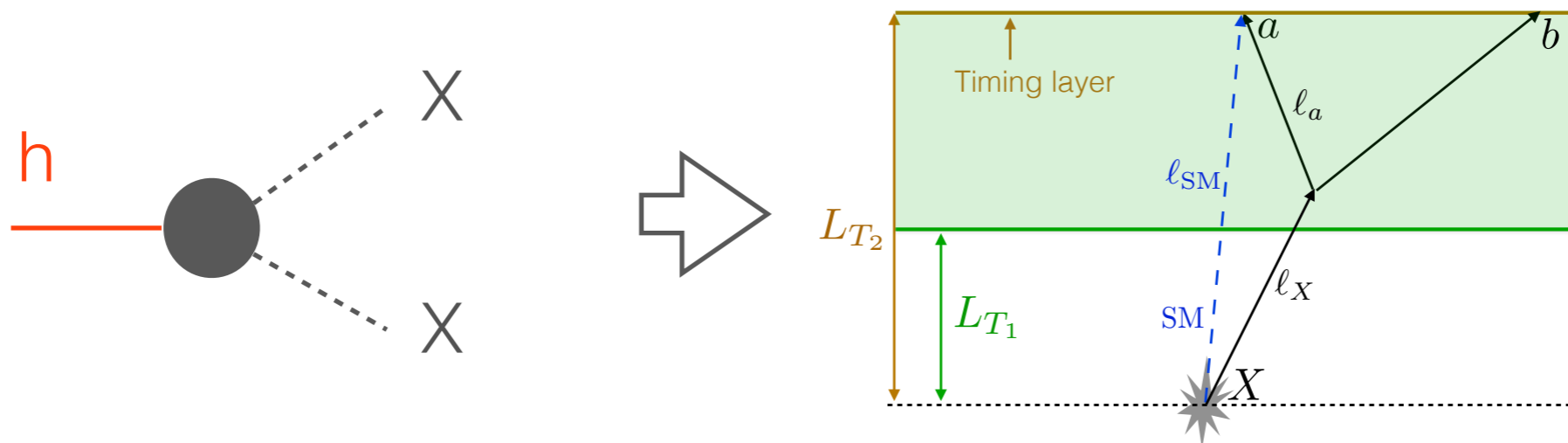
New ideas to trigger and tag on this kind of final states?



# Long lived particle (LLP)



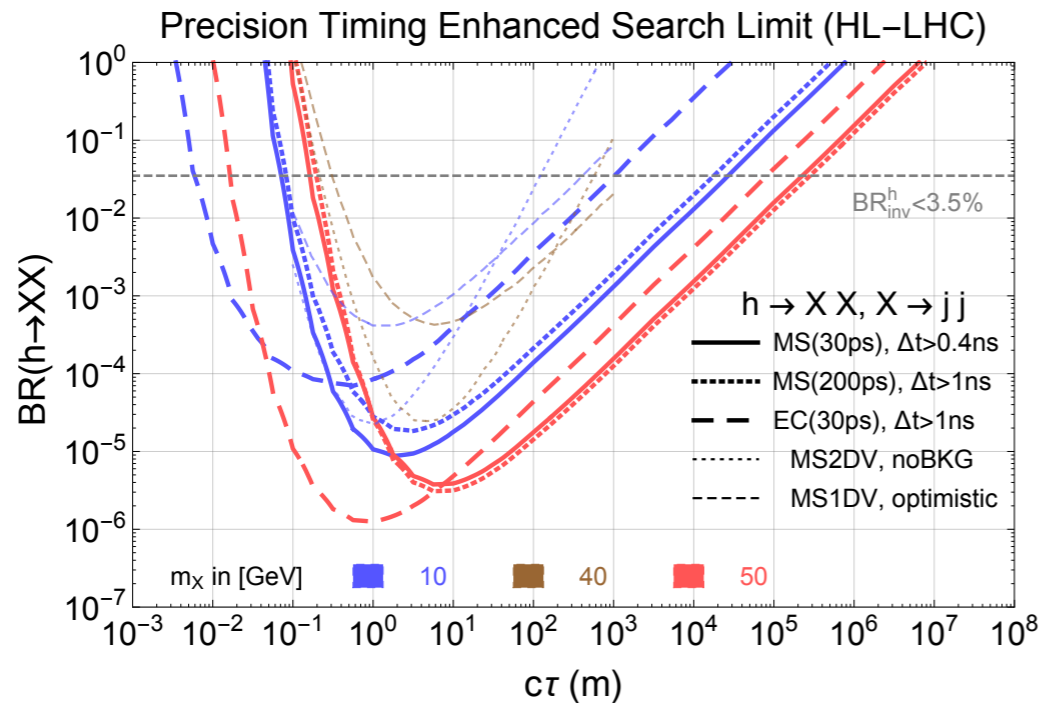
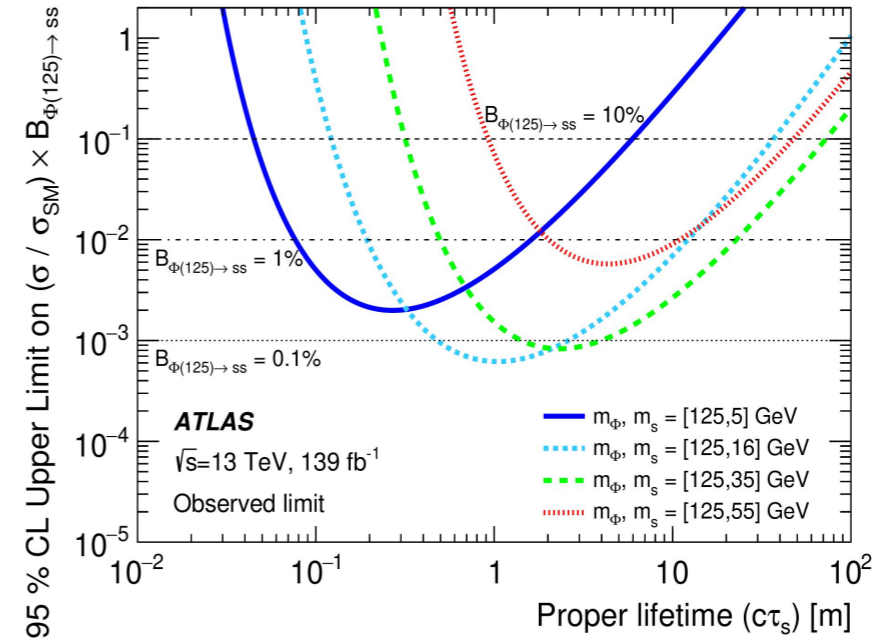
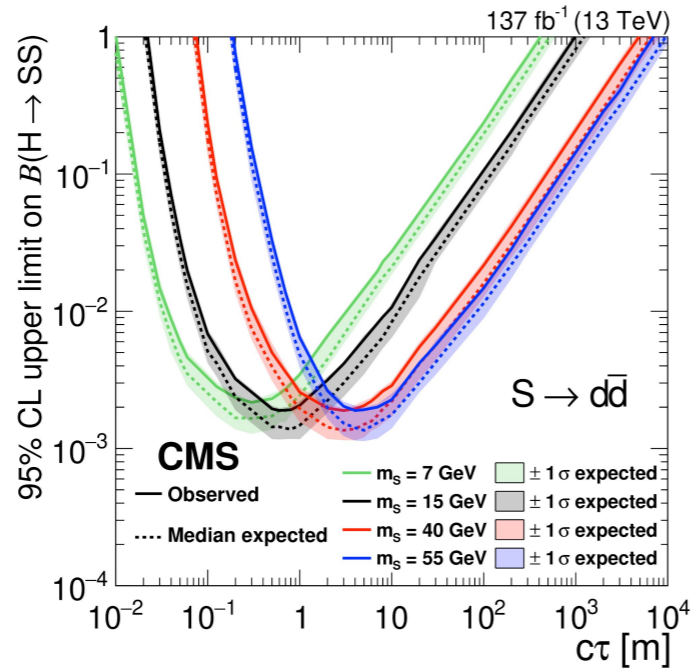
Decay back to SM  
Can be long lived.  
 $c\tau$  can be 1 km or more



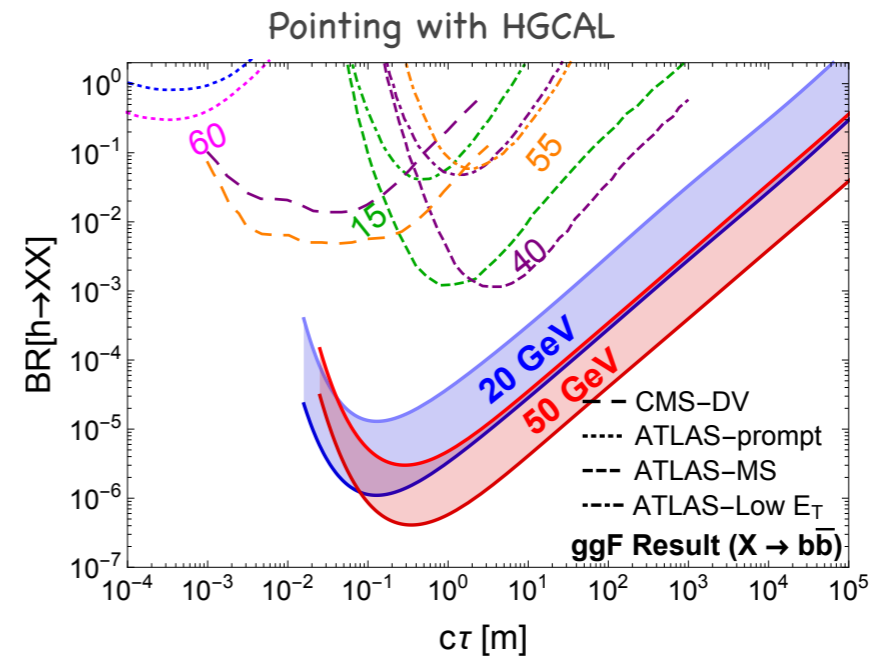
# Higgs portal long lived particles

$$h \rightarrow XX$$

X: LLP



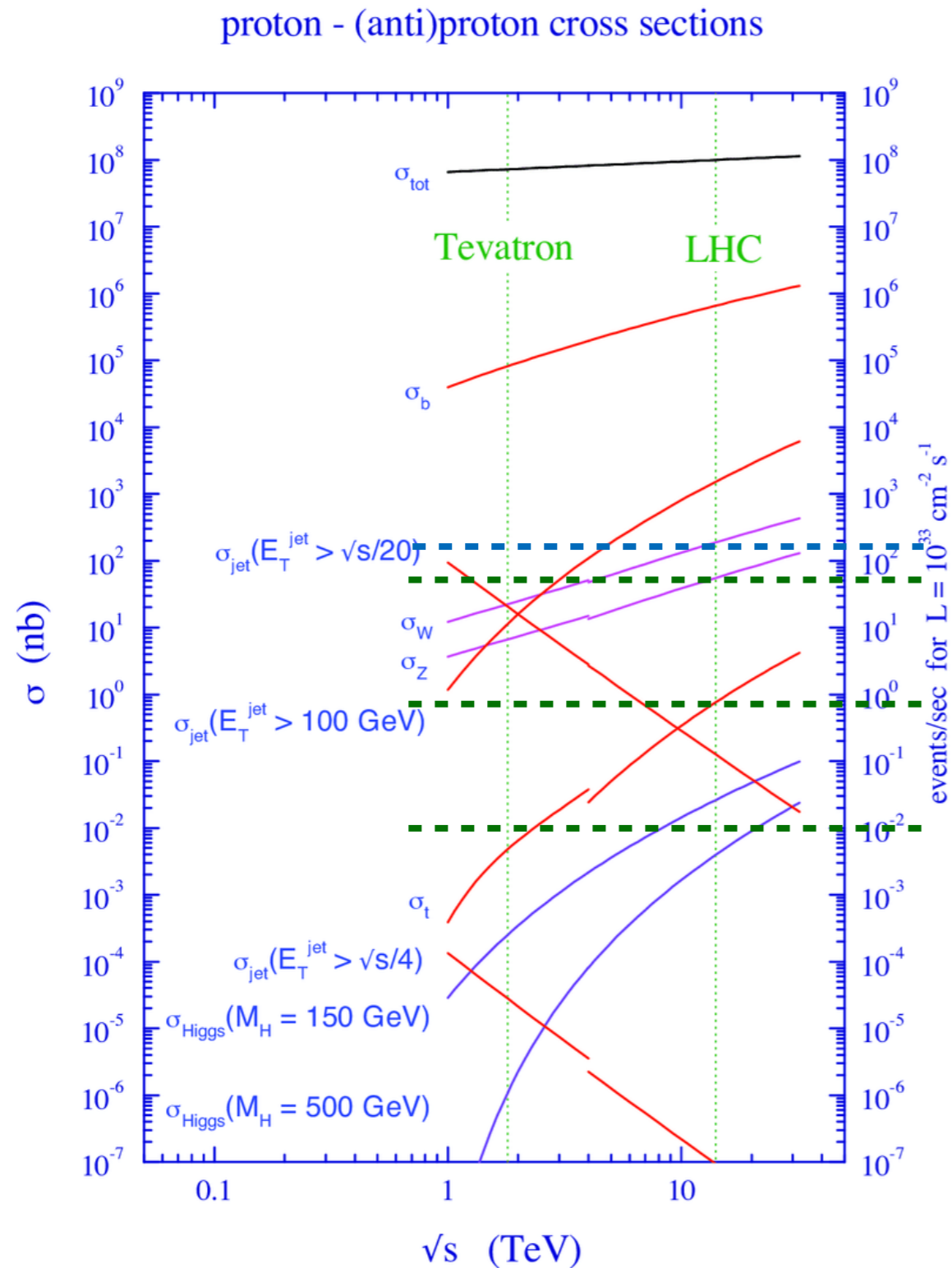
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Potential to do better,  $BR(h \rightarrow XX) < 10^{-5}$

# HL-LHC as particle factories



HL-LHC

>  $10^{11}$  W and Zs

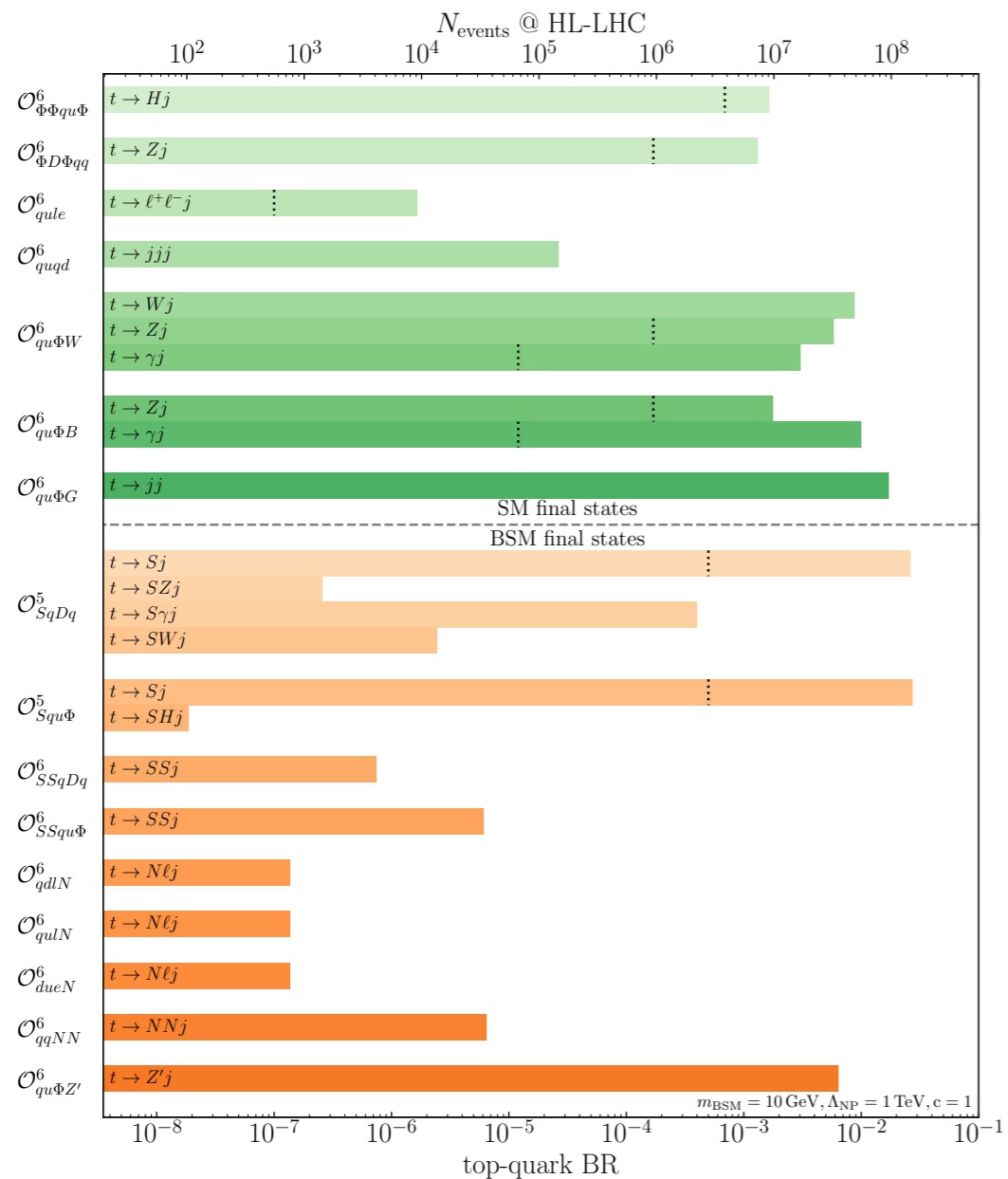
>  $10^9$  tops

>  $10^8$  Higgses

Promising for rare decay  
with distinct final state!

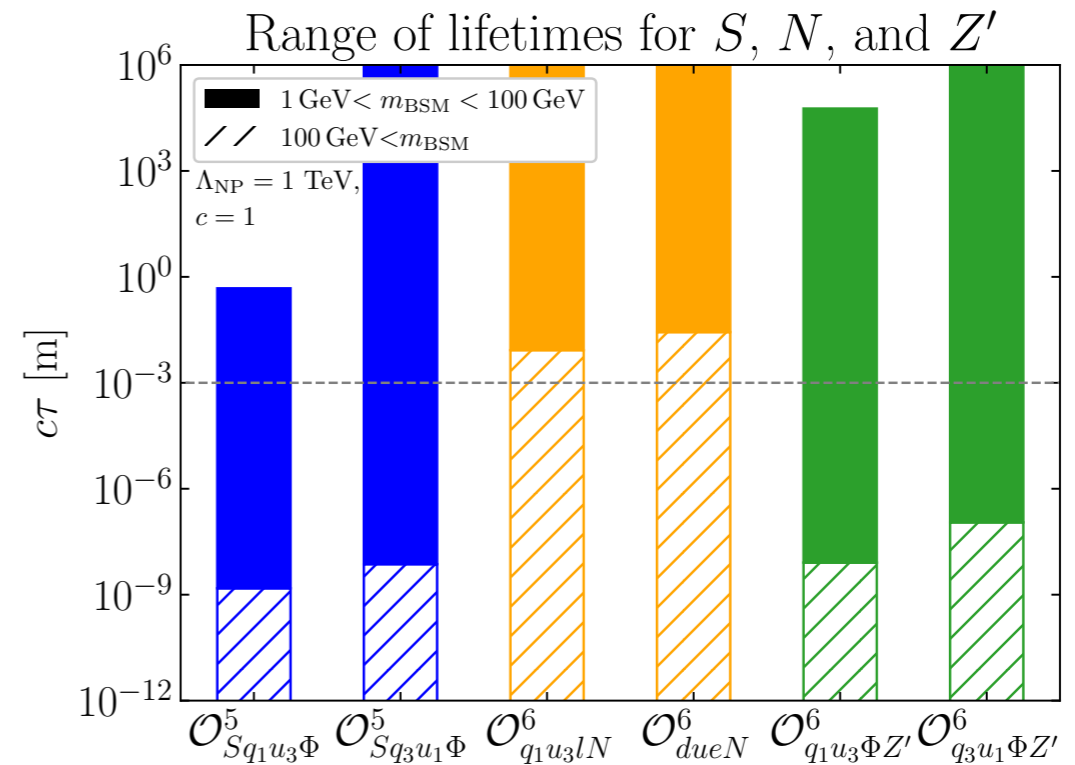
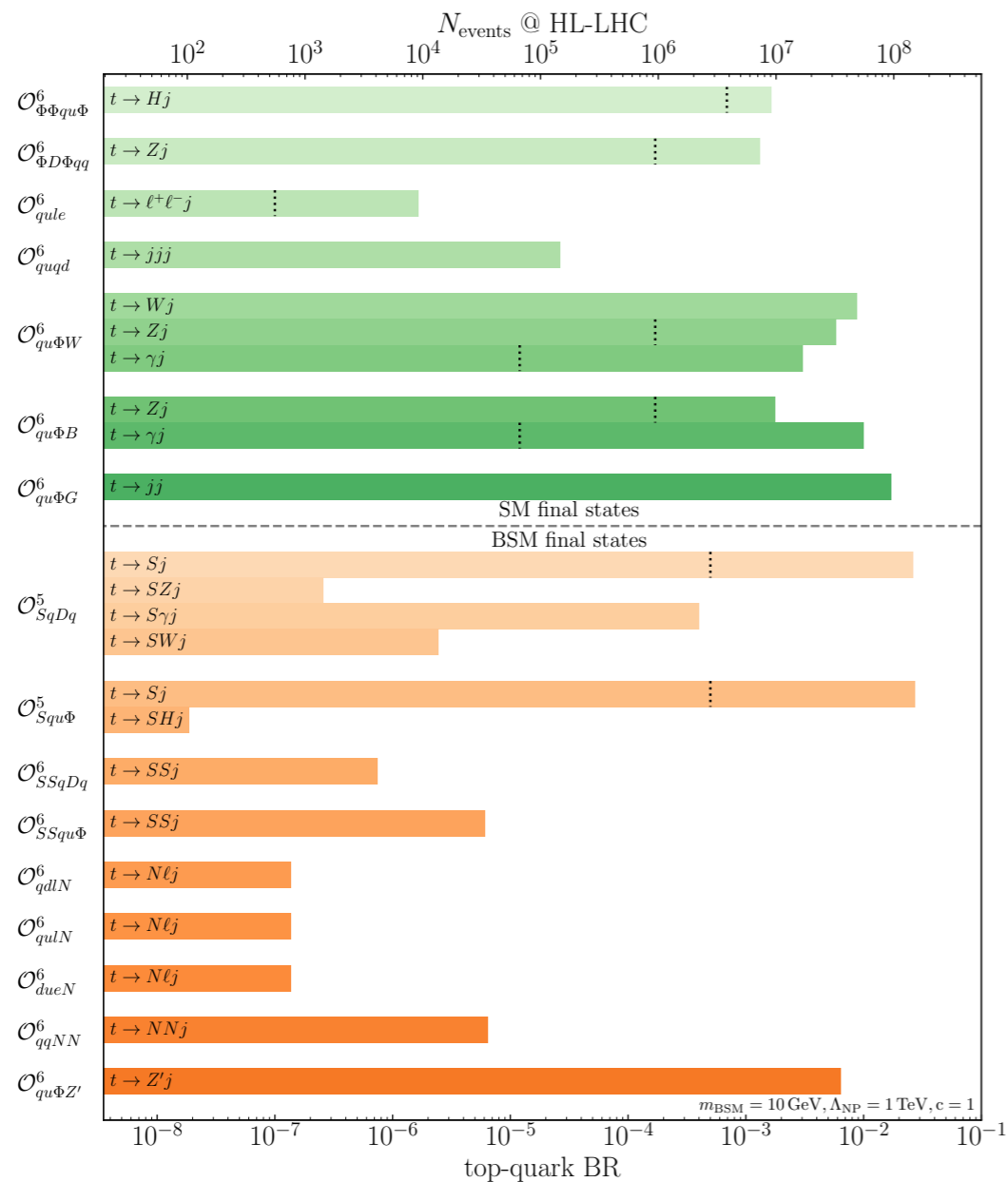
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# Similarly: top rare decay

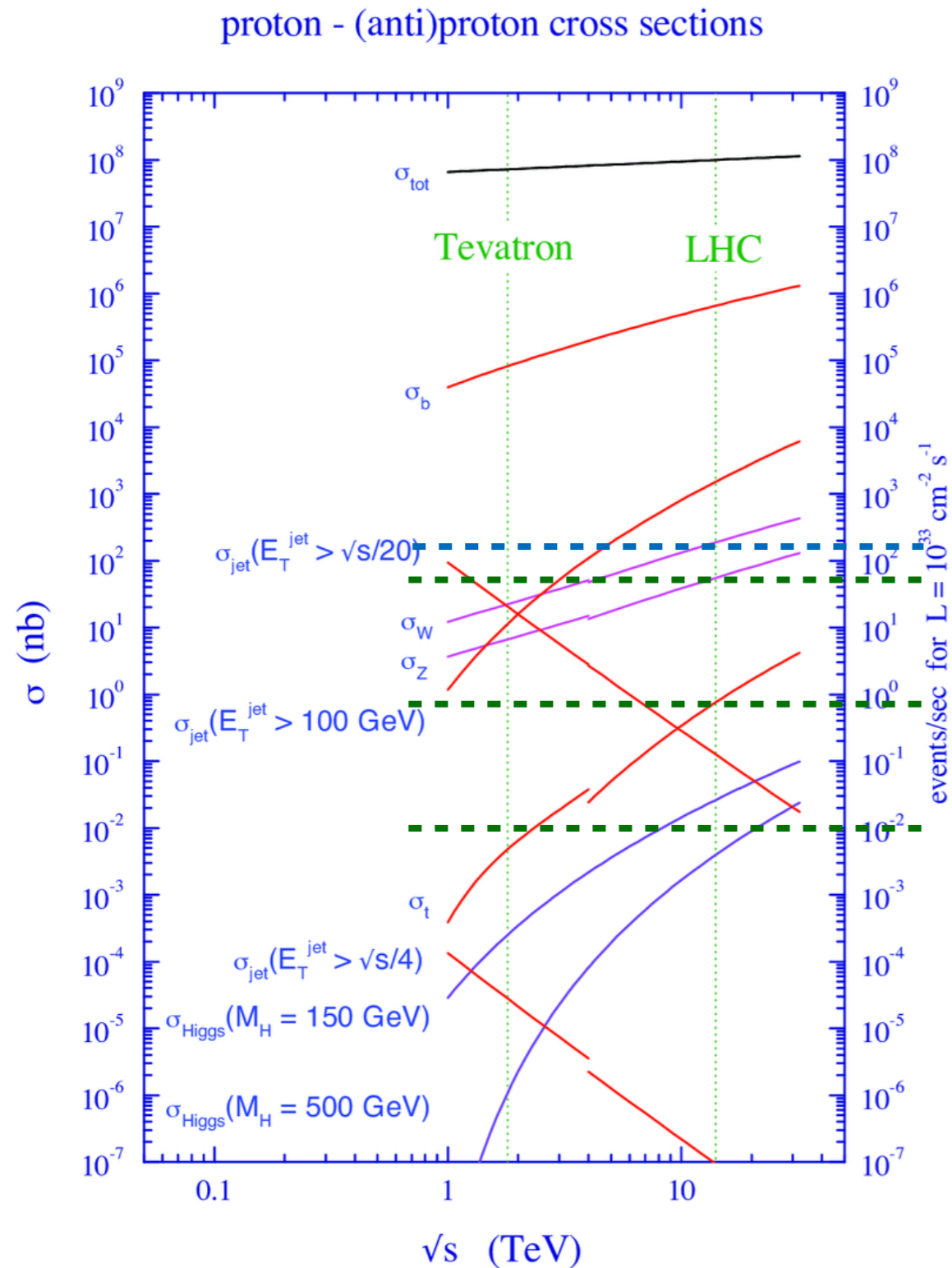
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Can have LLPs

Can use the other top as trigger

# HL-LHC as particle factories



## HL-LHC

>  $10^{11}$  W and Zs

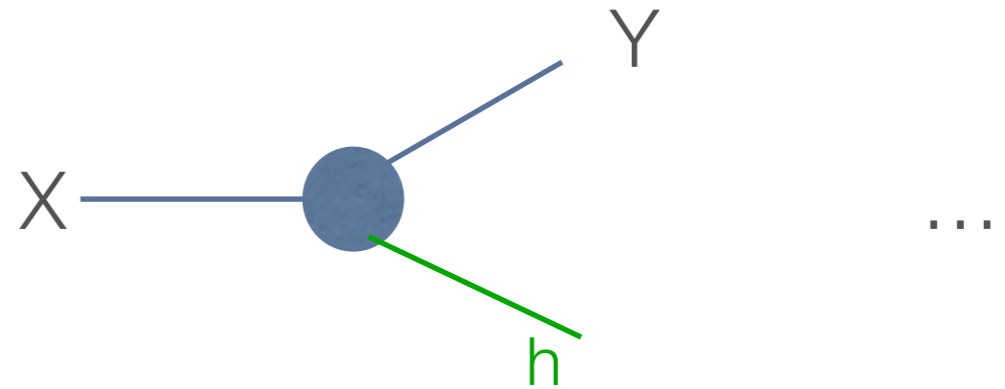
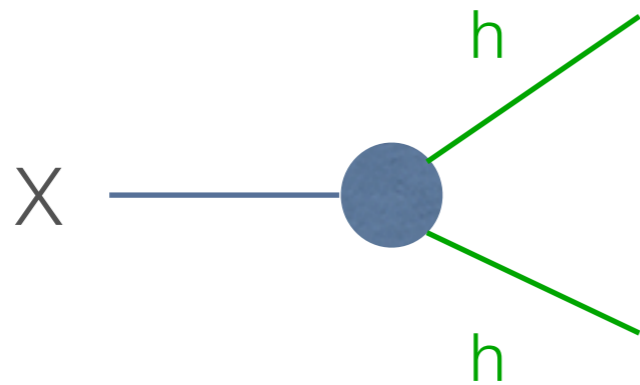
More studies needed!

>  $10^9$  tops

>  $10^8$  Higgses

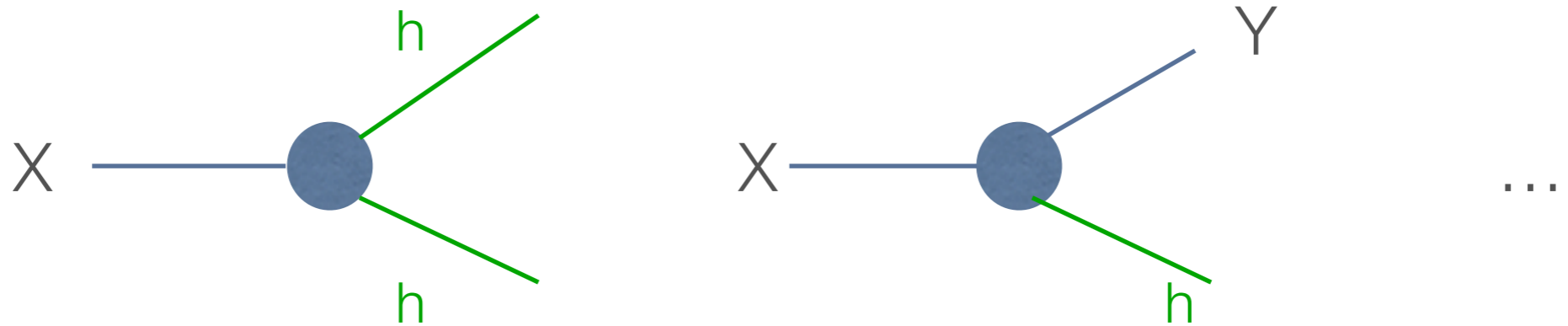
Promising for rare decay  
with distinct final state!

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From Goldstone equivalence theorem, for heavy  $X$ , we expect to have channels with  $h \leftrightarrow Z_L$ , may also have channels with  $W_L$

Need to be careful whether the Higgs final state is the most sensitive channel.



# Summary

- \* Higgs boson is *there*. It is *important*, and yet *mysterious*.
  - \* *Need a better picture to understand it!*
- \* Higgs boson is also an *obvious* place to look for new physics.

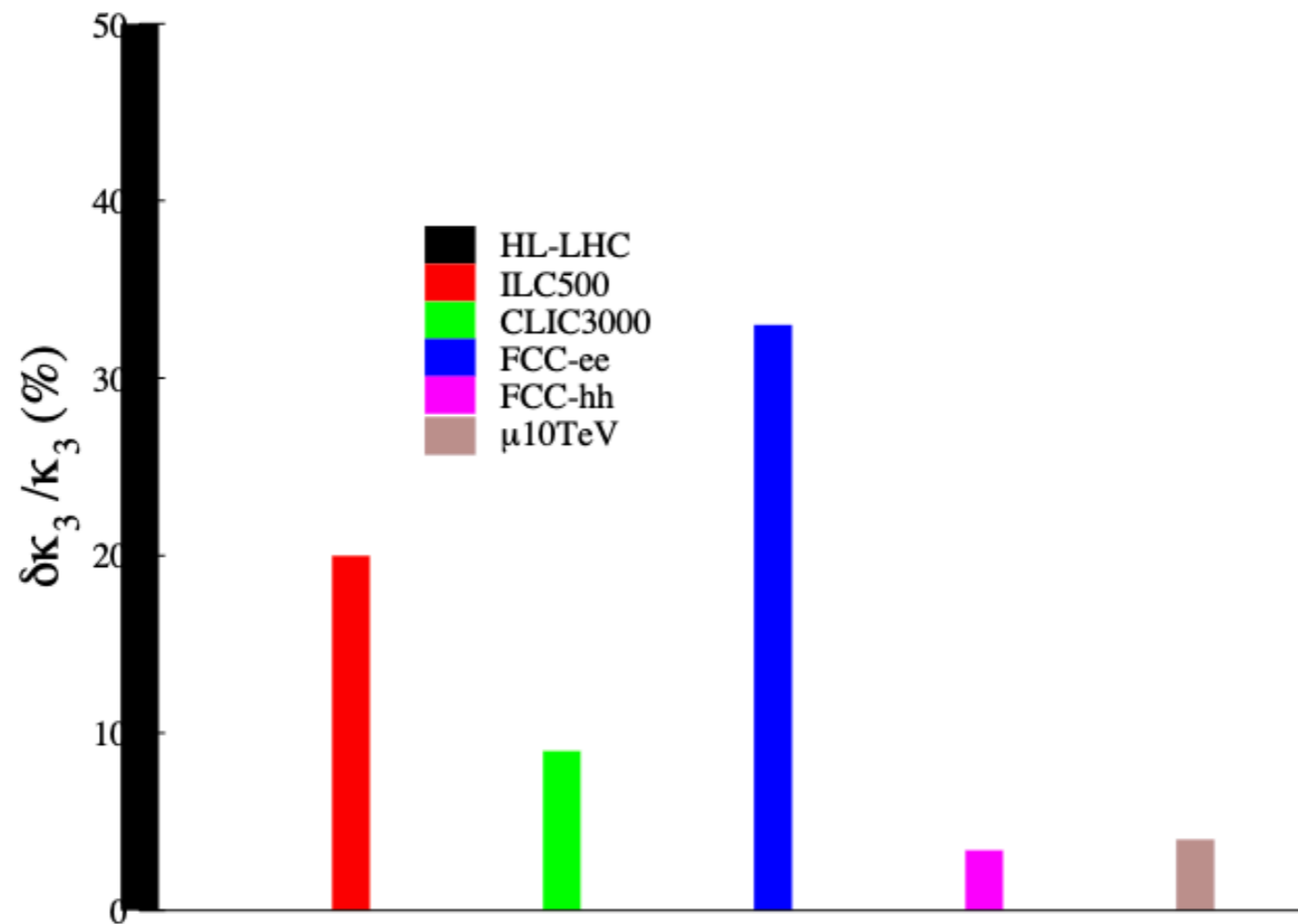
*In particular, exotic decays can benefit a lot from higher statistics.*



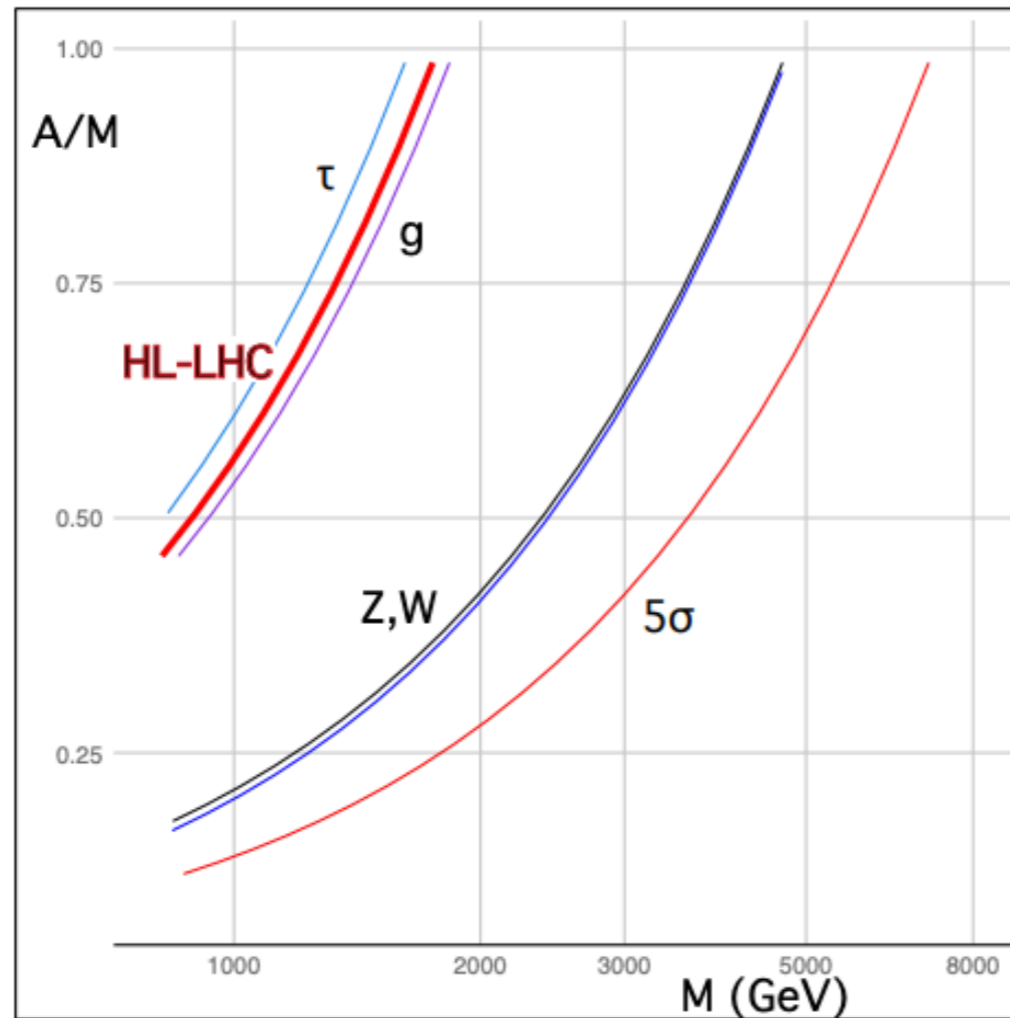
A lot to look forward to...

Extra

# Higgs self-coupling

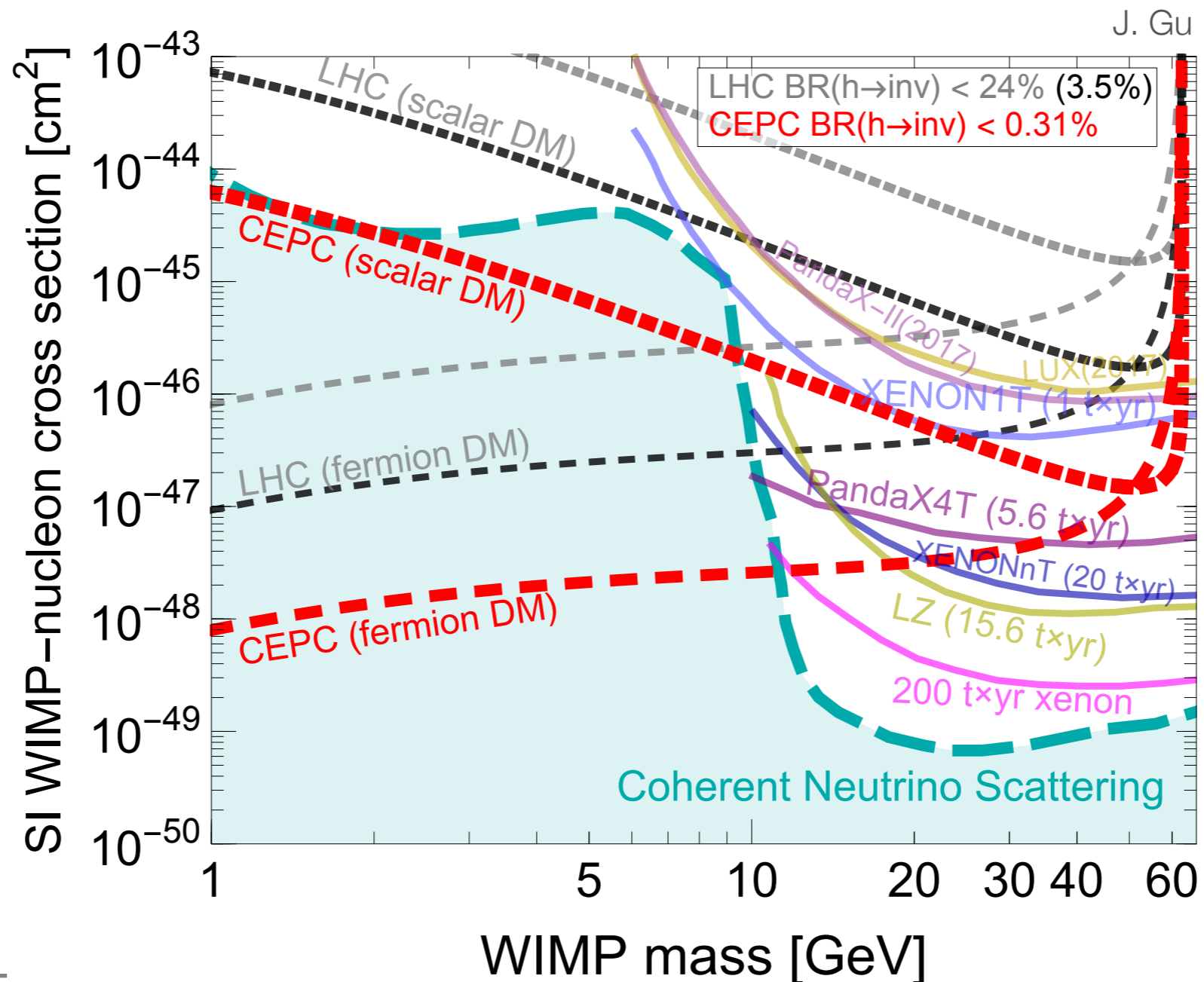


# Higgs+singlet



# Higgs portal dark matter

$$\mathcal{O} = H^\dagger H X_{\text{dm}} X_{\text{dm}} \Rightarrow h \rightarrow X_{\text{dm}} X_{\text{dm}}$$



# Windows into dark sector: portals

- \* Any known (SM) particle can in principle have small couplings to dark matter/dark sector.

