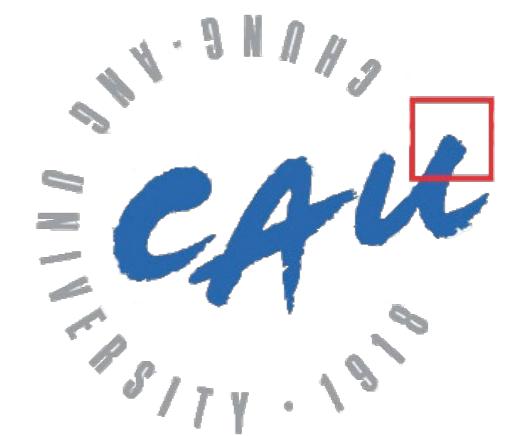


Positivity bounds on Higgs-portal dark matter

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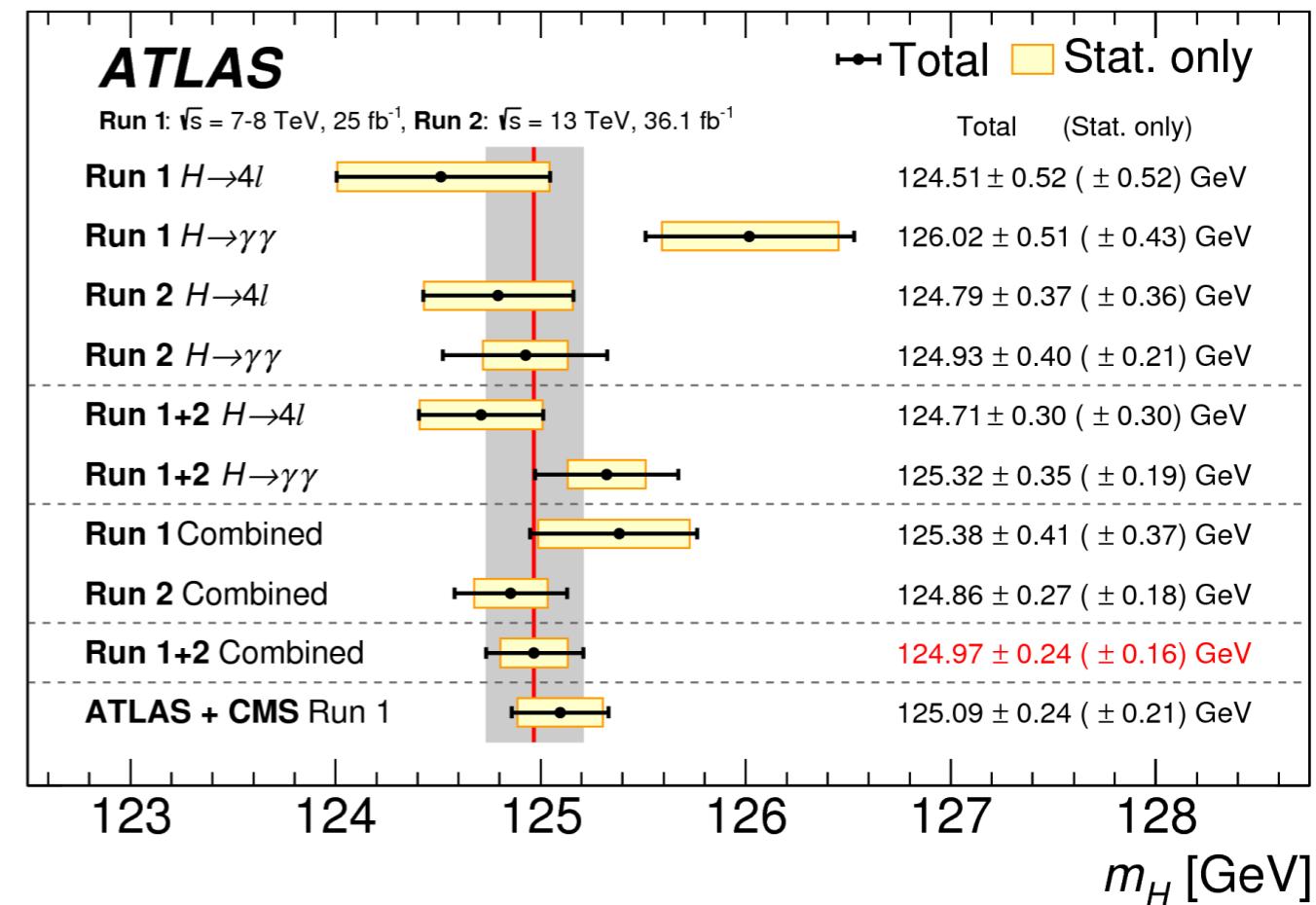
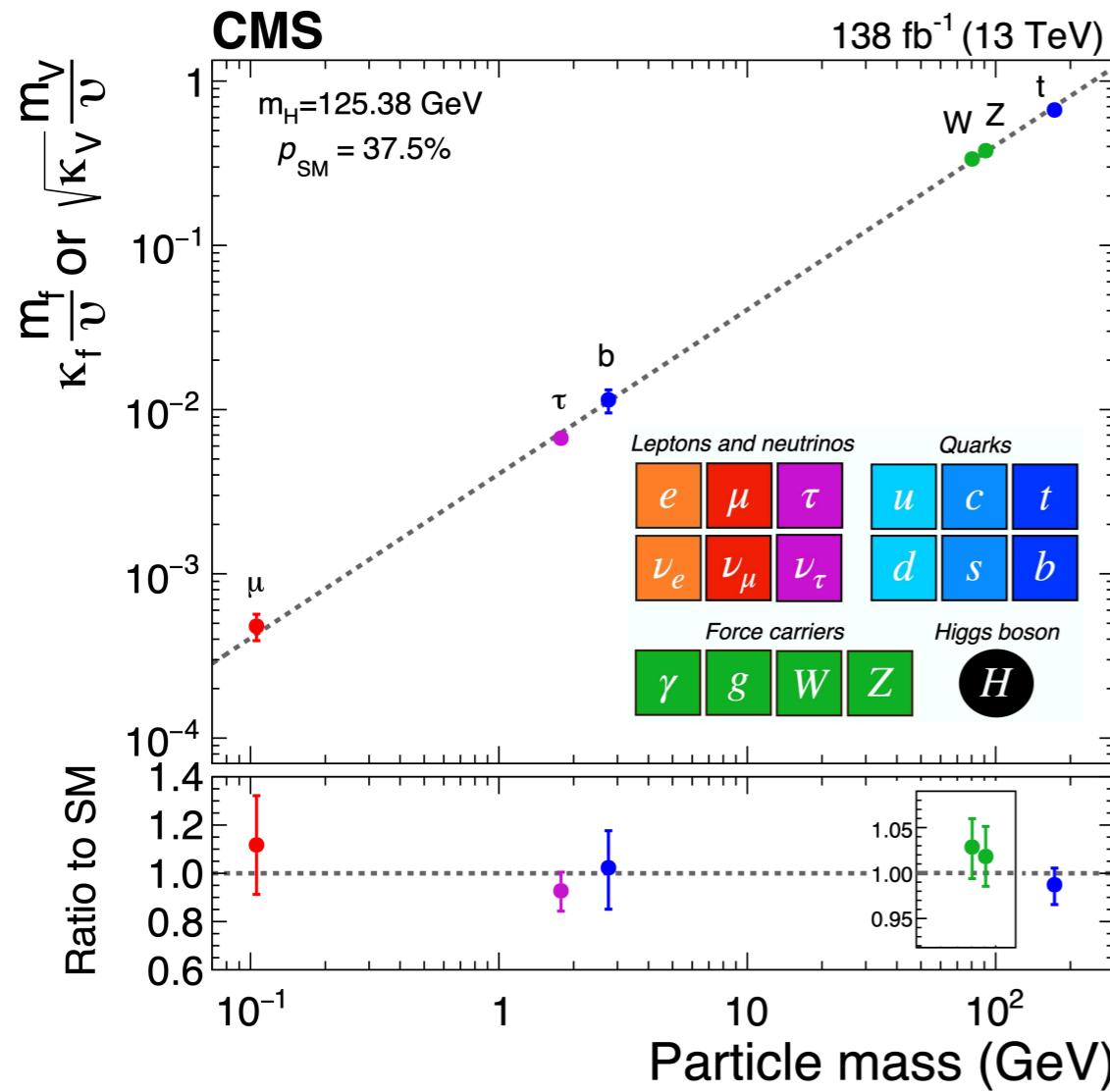
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Introduction

Higgs @ LHC

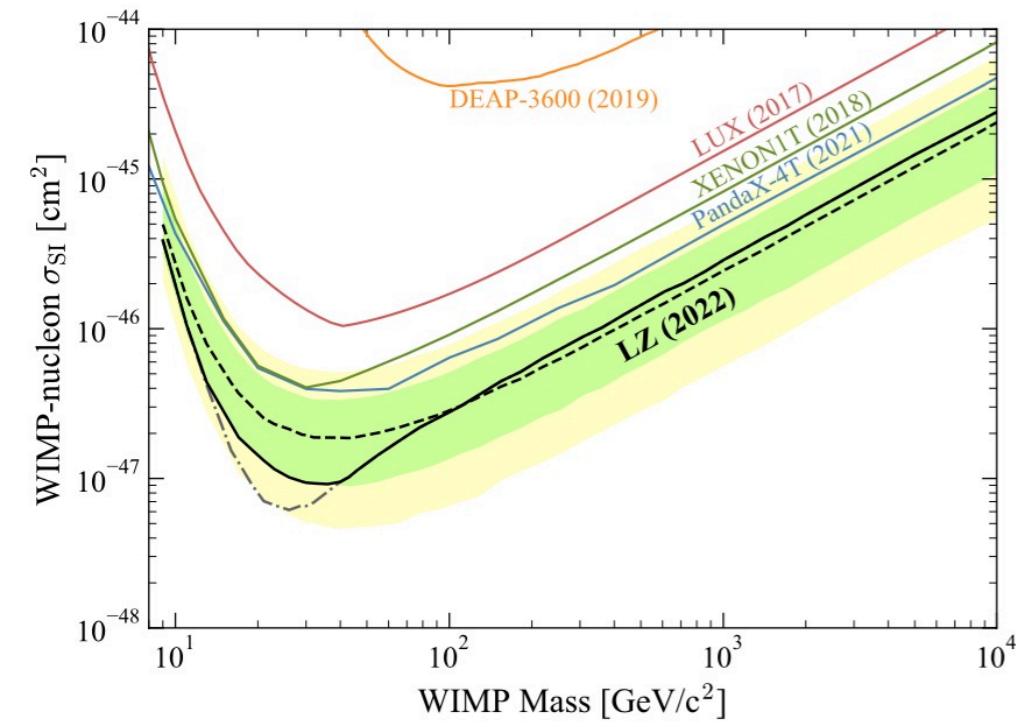
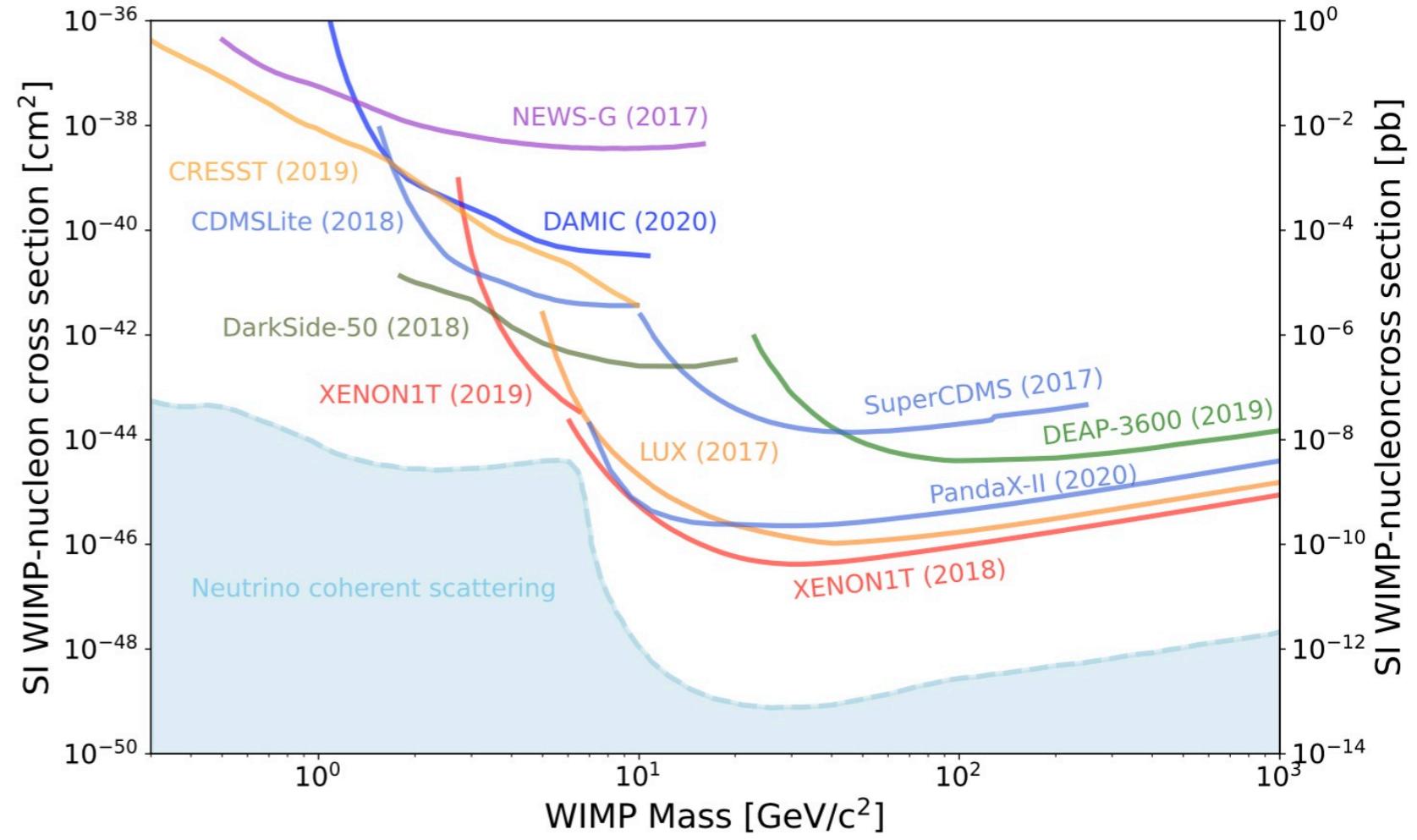
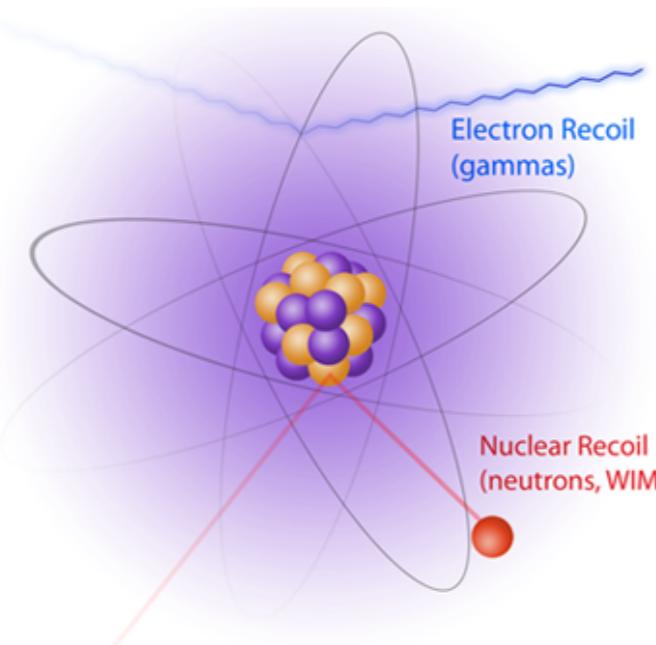
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- Measured Higgs couplings are consistent with the SM.
- There is no convincing hint for new physics at TeV scale.
- Higgs precision test is crucial for EFT framework.

Dark matter @ DD

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- Vanilla WIMP is constrained by direct detection, more strongly bounded recently by LZ.
- General EFT description for WIMP dark matter is desirable.

Consistent EFTs

Higgs sector EFT:

$$\Delta\mathcal{L}_H = \sum_{n+m \geq 3} \frac{c_{n,m}}{\Lambda^{2(n+m)-4}} H^{2n} D^{2m}$$

H^6 and $H^4 D^2$	
\mathcal{O}_H	$(H^\dagger H)^3$
$\mathcal{O}_{H\square}$	$(H^\dagger H) \square (H^\dagger H)$
\mathcal{O}_{HD}	$(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^* (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$

$2 : H^8$		$3 : H^6 D^2$		$4 : H^4 D^4$	
Q_{H^8}	$(H^\dagger H)^4$	$Q_{H^6}^{(1)}$	$(H^\dagger H)^2 (D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H)$	$Q_{H^4}^{(1)}$	$(D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H) (D^\nu H^\dagger D^\mu H)$
		$Q_{H^6}^{(2)}$	$(H^\dagger H) (H^\dagger \tau^I H) (D_\mu H^\dagger \tau^I D^\mu H)$	$Q_{H^4}^{(2)}$	$(D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H) (D^\mu H^\dagger D^\nu H)$
				$Q_{H^4}^{(3)}$	$(D^\mu H^\dagger D_\mu H) (D^\nu H^\dagger D_\nu H)$

[e.g. C. Burgess, HML, M. Trott (2009)]

- **Adiabaticity:** $\dot{\phi}/\phi \ll \Lambda$ **No excitation of new states**
- **Perturbativity:** $\Gamma_{\text{eff}} = \Gamma_{\text{tree}} + \Gamma_{\text{loops}}, \quad |\Gamma_{\text{loops}}| \ll |\Gamma_{\text{tree}}|$
- **Unitarity:** **S-matrix** $S = 1 + iT, \quad |S| \leq 1$
- **Positivity:** **Reduced S-matrix** $\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{M}}{\partial s^2} = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_{s>0} ds \frac{s\sigma(s)}{s^3} > 0$

Higgs inflation

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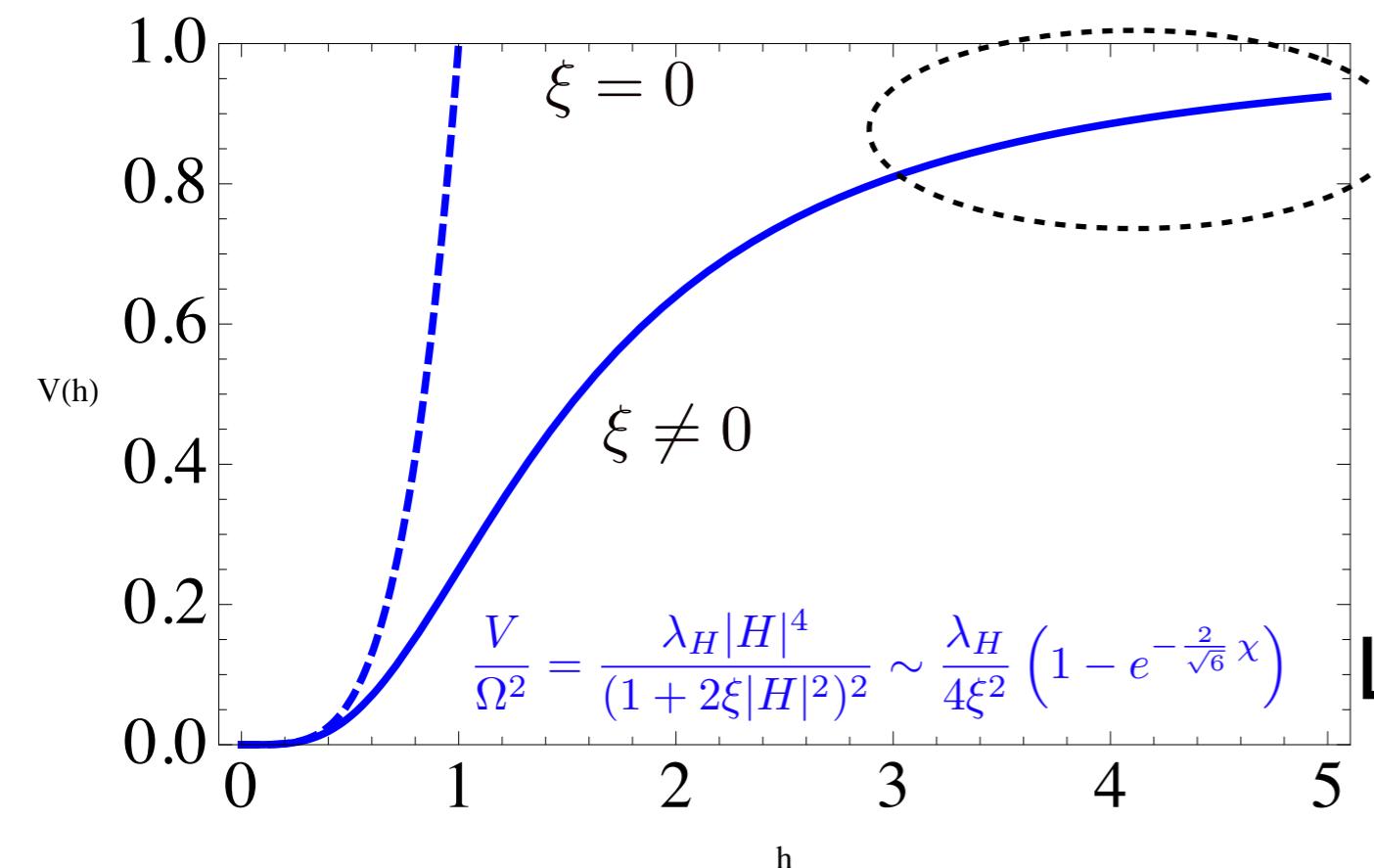
- Einstein gravity + SM Higgs + non-minimal gravity coupling

[Bezrukov, Shaposhnikov (2007)]

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R} + \boxed{\xi |H|^2 \mathcal{R}} - |D_\mu H|^2 - \lambda_H (|H|^2 - v^2/2)^2 \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_E = \sqrt{-g_E} \left(\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{R}(g_E) - \boxed{\frac{3\xi^2}{\Omega^2} (\partial_\mu |H|^2)^2} - \frac{1}{\Omega} |D_\mu H|^2 - \boxed{\frac{V}{\Omega^2}} \right)$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^{-1} g_{E,\mu\nu}, \quad \Omega = 1 + 2\xi |H|^2$$



Well consistent with CMB data
due to flat Higgs potential

$$n_s = 0.966, \quad r = 0.0033$$

Amplitude of
CMB anisotropies

$$\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{\lambda_H}} = 5 \times 10^4$$

Large non-minimal coupling
lowers cutoff scale.

$$E \lesssim \frac{M_P}{\xi}$$

Higgs inflation as EFTs

- Higgs inflation as SM EFTs: how to linearize the non-linear Higgs kinetic term for a larger cutoff ? -6-

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2(1 + \xi_H \vec{\phi}^2/M_P^2)} \left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{6\xi_H^2 \phi_i \phi_j / M_P^2}{1 + \xi_H \vec{\phi}^2 / M_P^2} \right) \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_j$$

→ $\mathcal{L}_{\text{linear}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_i)^2$ “Linear sigma models”

[G. Giudice, HML (2010); Ema et al (2020); HML, A. Menkara (2021)]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{3\xi_H^2}{M_P^2} \frac{(\partial_\mu |H|^2)^2}{(1 + 2\xi_H |H|^2 / M_P^2)^2} - \frac{K_\mu K^\mu}{48M_P^2} = 0$$
 “Local Weyl gravity”
[D. Ghilencea, HML (2018);
S. Aoki, HML (2022)]

Conformal coupling limit “Higgs pole inflation”

[S. Clery, HML, A. Menkara (2023)]

This talk

- Consistent effective Higgs-portals for dark matter.

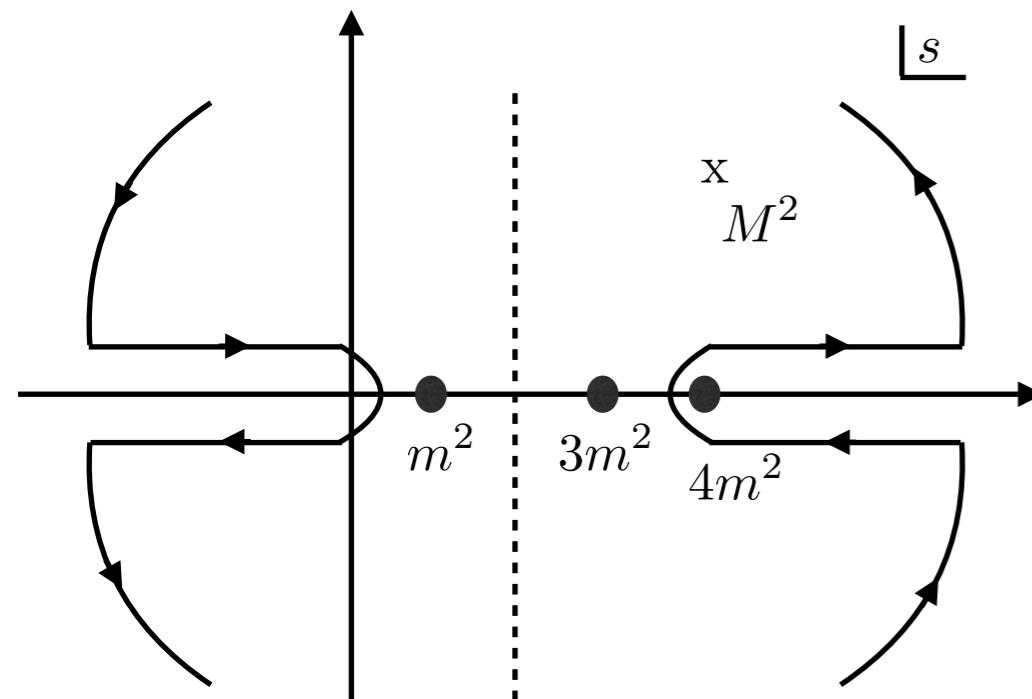
[S.-S. Kim, HML, K. Yamashita (2023)]

Positivity bounds

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- Analyticity, locality, unitarity of S-matrix

$\phi\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi$ scattering : **Forward limit**, $t \rightarrow 0$ [A.Adams et al (2006)]



$$A(s) = \mathcal{M}(s, t, u) = \mathcal{M}(s, 0, 4m^2 - s)$$

: symmetric wrt $s=2m^2$

$$\lim_{|s| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A(s)}{s^2} = 0,$$

Polynomial bounded,
e.g. Froissart-Martin bound

$$I = \oint \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \frac{A(s)}{(s - M^2)^3} \longrightarrow A''(s = M^2) = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_{\text{cuts}} ds \frac{\text{Im} A}{(s - M^2)^3}$$

$$\text{Im} A = s\sigma(s) : \text{optical theorem} \longrightarrow A''(s = M^2) = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_{s>0} ds \frac{s\sigma(s)}{s^3} > 0$$

$$s \ll \Lambda^2 : \text{EFT amplitude}, \quad A(s) = g \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \left(\frac{s^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^n$$

Similar contour integrals $\rightarrow c_n > 0$ “Positivity” for dim-8 ops

Higgs EFT for dark matter

- Extend the SM EFT with Higgs-portal dark matter.

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Scalar dark matter with Z_2 symmetry: [S.-S. Kim, HML, K.Yamashita (2023)]

Dimension-4

$$c_3 \varphi^2 |H|^2$$

Dimension-6

$$\varphi^2 |D_\mu H|^2$$

$$d_4 |H|^2 (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2$$

$$c'_3 \varphi^2 |H|^4, \varphi^4 |H|^2$$

Dimension-8

$$(D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H)(\partial^\mu \varphi \partial^\nu \varphi)$$

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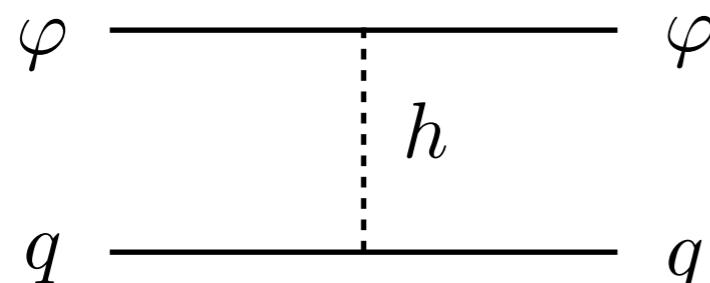
$$d'_4 |H|^4 (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2, \varphi^4 |H|^4$$

+ DM self-interactions

$$\partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi \partial^\nu \varphi, \varphi^4, \varphi^6, \varphi^8, \dots$$

Dim-4 & Dim-6 couplings and direct detection:

$$\mathcal{L}_{h,\text{linear}} = \frac{1}{3\Lambda^4} h \left[2(c_3 - c'_3) \lambda_H v^3 m_\varphi^2 \varphi^2 - (d_4 - d'_4) \lambda_H v^3 (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 \right], \quad c_3 = c'_3, \quad d_4 = d'_4$$



Positivity bounds and UV completion
for WIMP and FIMP?

Higgs-portal dark matter and positivity

Higgs-portal dark matter

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- Consider a singlet scalar dark mater in SM.
- Effective Higgs-portal interactions up to dim-8:

Assumption: Z_2 symmetry, couplings suppressed by masses.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs-portal}} = \mathcal{L}_1 + \mathcal{L}_2$$

[S.-S. Kim, HML, K. Yamashita(2023)]

Up to 2-derivatives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_1 = & -\frac{1}{6\Lambda^4} \left(c_1 m_\varphi^4 \varphi^4 + 4c_2 m_H^4 |H|^4 + 8c'_2 \lambda_H m_H^2 |H|^6 + 4c''_2 \lambda_H^2 |H|^8 \right. \\ & \left. + 4c_3 m_\varphi^2 m_H^2 \varphi^2 |H|^2 + 4c'_3 \lambda_H m_\varphi^2 \varphi^2 |H|^4 \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{6\Lambda^4} \left(d_1 m_\varphi^2 \varphi^2 (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 + 4d_2 m_H^2 |H|^2 |D_\mu H|^2 + 4d'_2 \lambda_H |H|^4 |D_\mu H|^2 \right. \\ & \left. + 2d_3 m_\varphi^2 \varphi^2 |D_\mu H|^2 + 2d_4 m_H^2 |H|^2 (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 + 2d'_4 \lambda_H |H|^4 (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

4-derivatives

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \supset$$

$$O_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} = (D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H)(\partial^\mu \varphi \partial^\nu \varphi) \quad O_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)} = (D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H)(\partial_\nu \varphi \partial^\nu \varphi)$$

$$O_{\varphi^4} = \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi \partial^\nu \varphi$$

$$O_{H^4}^{(1)} = (D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H)(D^\nu H^\dagger D^\mu H) \quad O_{H^4}^{(2)} = (D_\mu H^\dagger D_\nu H)(D^\mu H^\dagger D^\nu H)$$

$$O_{H^4}^{(3)} = (D_\mu H^\dagger D^\mu H)(D_\nu H^\dagger D^\nu H)$$

Positivity for multiple fields

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- Scattering matrix elements in the forward limit

$$A(s) = c_0 + c_1 \frac{s}{\Lambda^2} + c_2 \frac{s^2}{\Lambda^4} + \dots \longrightarrow c_2 > 0$$

- Scattering amplitudes for superposed states, $a b \rightarrow a b$,

$$|a\rangle = u^i |i\rangle, |b\rangle = v^i |i\rangle, i = \begin{array}{c} \phi_a (a = 1, 2, 3, 4), \\ \text{Higgs} \end{array}, \varphi \begin{array}{c} \\ \text{Dark matter} \end{array}$$

Positivity bounds for $a b \rightarrow a b$: [S.-S. Kim, HML, K.Yamashita(2023)]

$$u^i v^j u^{*k} v^{*l} M^{ijkl} \geq 0,$$

$$M^{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} M(ij \rightarrow kl)(s, t=0) \Big|_{s \rightarrow 0}.$$

Positivity for multiple fields

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Bounds	Channels ($ 1\rangle + 2\rangle \rightarrow 1\rangle + 2\rangle$)
$C_{H^4}^{(1)} + C_{H^4}^{(2)} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle = \phi_1\rangle, 2\rangle = \phi_3\rangle$
$C_{H^4}^{(1)} + C_{H^4}^{(2)} + C_{H^4}^{(3)} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle = \phi_1\rangle, 2\rangle = \phi_1\rangle$
$C_{H^4}^{(2)} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle = \phi_1\rangle, 2\rangle = \phi_2\rangle$
$C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle = \phi_1\rangle, 2\rangle = \varphi\rangle$
$C_{\varphi^4} \geq 0$	$ 1\rangle = \varphi\rangle, 2\rangle = \varphi\rangle$
★ $2\sqrt{(C_{H^4}^{(1)} + C_{H^4}^{(2)} + C_{H^4}^{(3)})C_{\varphi^4}}$ $\geq - (C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} + C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)})$	$ 1\rangle = 2\sqrt{C_{\varphi^4}} \phi_1\rangle + \sqrt{-(C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} + C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)})} \varphi\rangle,$ $ 2\rangle = 1\rangle$
★ $2\sqrt{(C_{H^4}^{(1)} + C_{H^4}^{(2)} + C_{H^4}^{(3)})C_{\varphi^4}} \geq C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}$	$ 1\rangle = 2\sqrt{C_{\varphi^4}} \phi_1\rangle + \sqrt{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}} \varphi\rangle,$ $ 2\rangle = -2\sqrt{C_{\varphi^4}} \phi_1\rangle + \sqrt{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}} \varphi\rangle$

[S.-S. Kim, HML, K. Yamashita(2023)]

- Nontrivial bounds★ on the Higgs-portal couplings with a combination of self-interactions for Higgs and dark matter.

Massive graviton or radion

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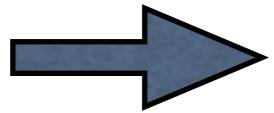
- Effective Higgs-portal interactions are matched to UV complete models: [S.-S. Kim, HML, K.Yamashita(2023)]

Massive graviton $\mathcal{L}_G = -\frac{c_H}{M} G^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}^H - \frac{c_\varphi}{M} G^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu}^\varphi \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{G,\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{4m_G^2 M^2} \left(2T_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu} - \frac{2}{3} T^2 \right)$

$$\frac{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}}{\Lambda^4} = -\frac{1}{3} \frac{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)}}{\Lambda^4} = -\frac{2c_H c_\varphi}{3m_G^2 M^2}, \quad \underline{\frac{c_3^{(\prime)}}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{d_3}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{d_4^{(\prime)}}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{c_H c_\varphi}{m_G^2 M^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)}}{\Lambda^4}}.$$

Radion $\mathcal{L}_r = \frac{c_H^r}{\sqrt{6}M} r T^H + \frac{c_\varphi^r}{\sqrt{6}M} r T^\varphi \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{r,\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{12m_r^2 M^2} T^2$

$$C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} = 0, \quad \underline{\frac{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{c_H^r c_\varphi^r}{3m_r^2 M^2}}, \quad \underline{\frac{c_3^{(\prime)}}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{d_3}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{d_4^{(\prime)}}{\Lambda^4} = -\frac{2c_H^r c_\varphi^r}{m_r^2 M^2} = -6 \frac{C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}}{\Lambda^4}}.$$

- Positivity bounds are satisfied for $c_H c_\varphi > 0$, & $c_H^r c_\varphi^r > 0$.
 Attractive forces due to massive graviton or radion.
- Zero DM-nucleon cross section at tree level: $c_3 = c'_3$, $d_4 = d'_4$.

Disformal graviton

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- Generalized metric tensor in Finsler geometry

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu F(I, H, \varphi), \quad I = L^2 g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \varphi \partial_\beta \varphi, \quad H = L^2 \frac{(\partial_\alpha \varphi dx^\alpha)^2}{g_{\rho\sigma} dx^\rho dx^\sigma}$$

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = C g_{\mu\nu} + D \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 1 + c^2 \frac{\varphi^2}{M_{Pl}^2} + c_X \frac{\partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi}{M_{Pl}^4}, && \text{"conformal"} \\ D &= \frac{d}{M^4} + \frac{d}{M^4} \tilde{c}^2 \frac{\varphi^2}{M_{Pl}^2}. && \text{"disformal"} \end{aligned}$$

- Causality: sub-luminal propagation of graviton

$$\rightarrow d > 0$$

[J. Bekenstein (1993)]

- Effective interactions to Higgs in Finsler geometry:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} &= -\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} - g_{\mu\nu})T_H^{\mu\nu} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}(C - 1)T_\mu^{H,\mu} - \frac{1}{2}D \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi T^{H,\mu\nu} \end{aligned}$$

[P. Brax, K. Kaneta, Y. Mambrini, M. Pierre (2023)]

$$\rightarrow \text{Positivity bounds: } C_{H^2 \varphi^2}^{(1)} = -d > 0, \quad C_{H^2 \varphi^2}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}d + \tilde{c}_X$$

$c_X = \tilde{c}_X M_{Pl}^4 / \Lambda^4$ either signs

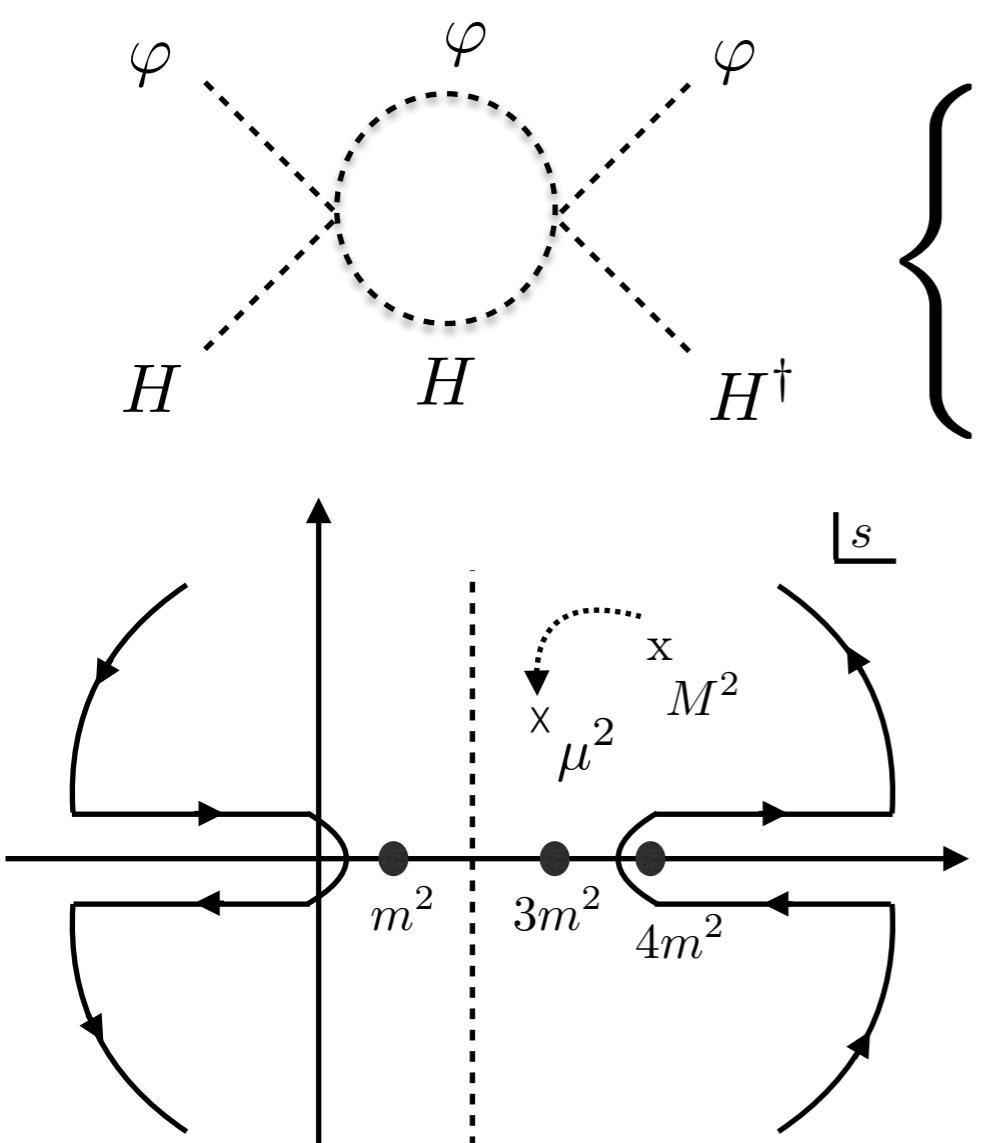
[S.-S. Kim, HML, K. Yamashita (2023)]

Positivity at loops

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- Lower dimensional operators correct positivity bounds.
→ “Running of positivity bounds”

e.g. Dimension-6 Higgs portal couplings $\tilde{d}_3 \equiv d_3 m_\varphi^2$, $\tilde{d}_4 \equiv d_4 m_H^2$



$$\begin{aligned}\hat{C}_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} &= C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{648\pi^2\Lambda^4} \left(13(\tilde{d}_3^2 + \tilde{d}_4^2) + 20\tilde{d}_3\tilde{d}_4 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{108\pi^2\Lambda^4} (\tilde{d}_3 + \tilde{d}_4)^2 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{|s|}, \\ \hat{C}_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)} &= C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)} - \frac{5}{1296\pi^2\Lambda^4} (\tilde{d}_3 + \tilde{d}_4)^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{432\pi^2\Lambda^4} (\tilde{d}_3 + \tilde{d}_4)^2 \ln \frac{\mu^2}{|s|}\end{aligned}$$

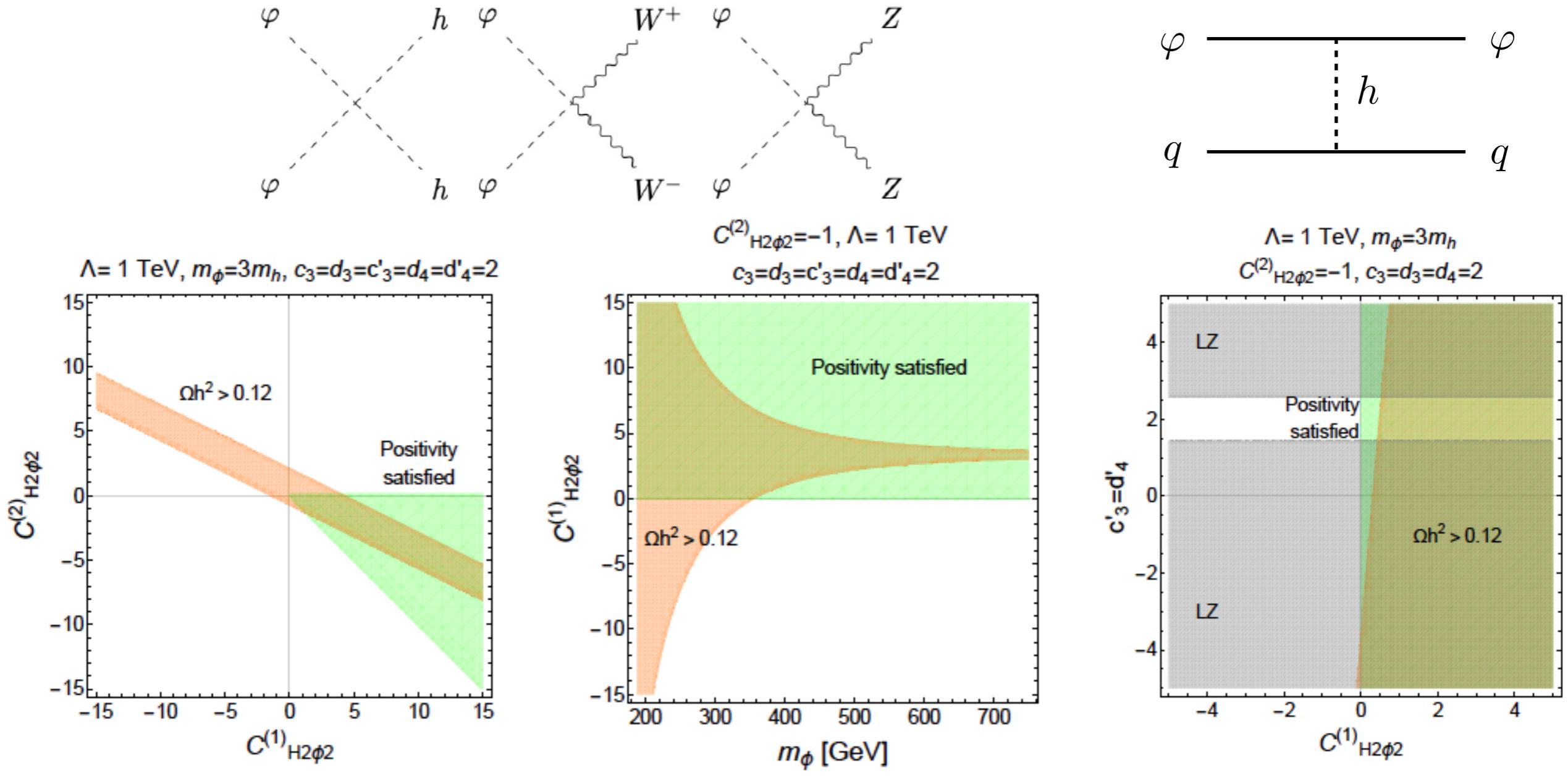
cf. X. Li, 2212.12227, similar corrections
for dim-8 Higgs self-interactions

Interplay with dark matter abundance

WIMP vs Positivity

- Positivity bounds complementary to relic density & DD.

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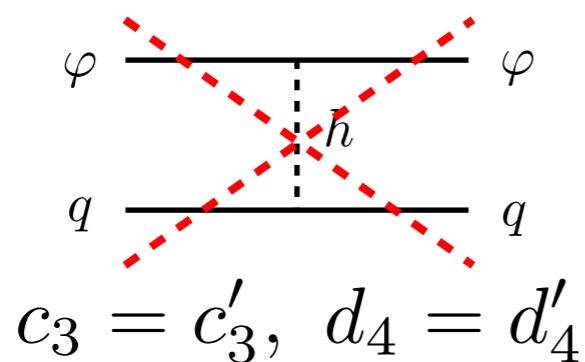
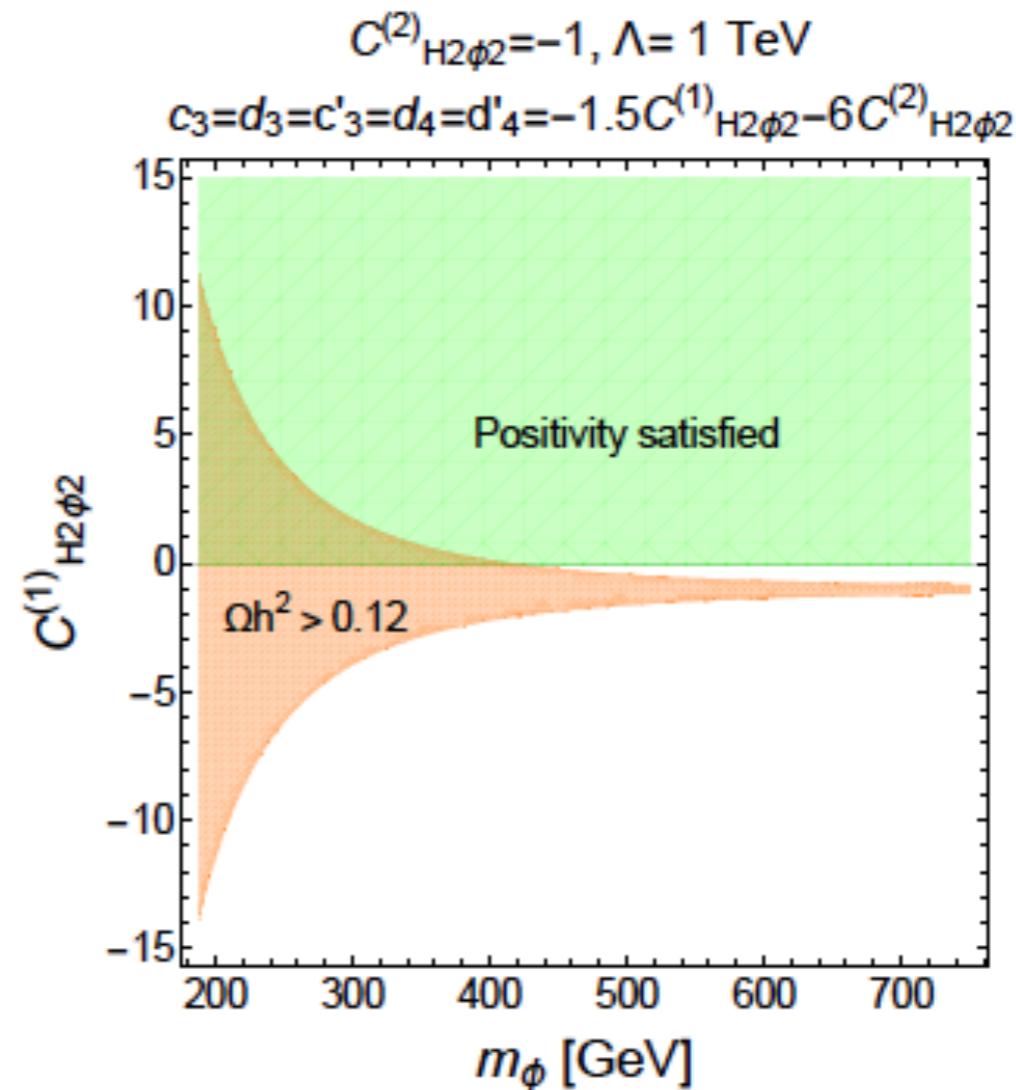
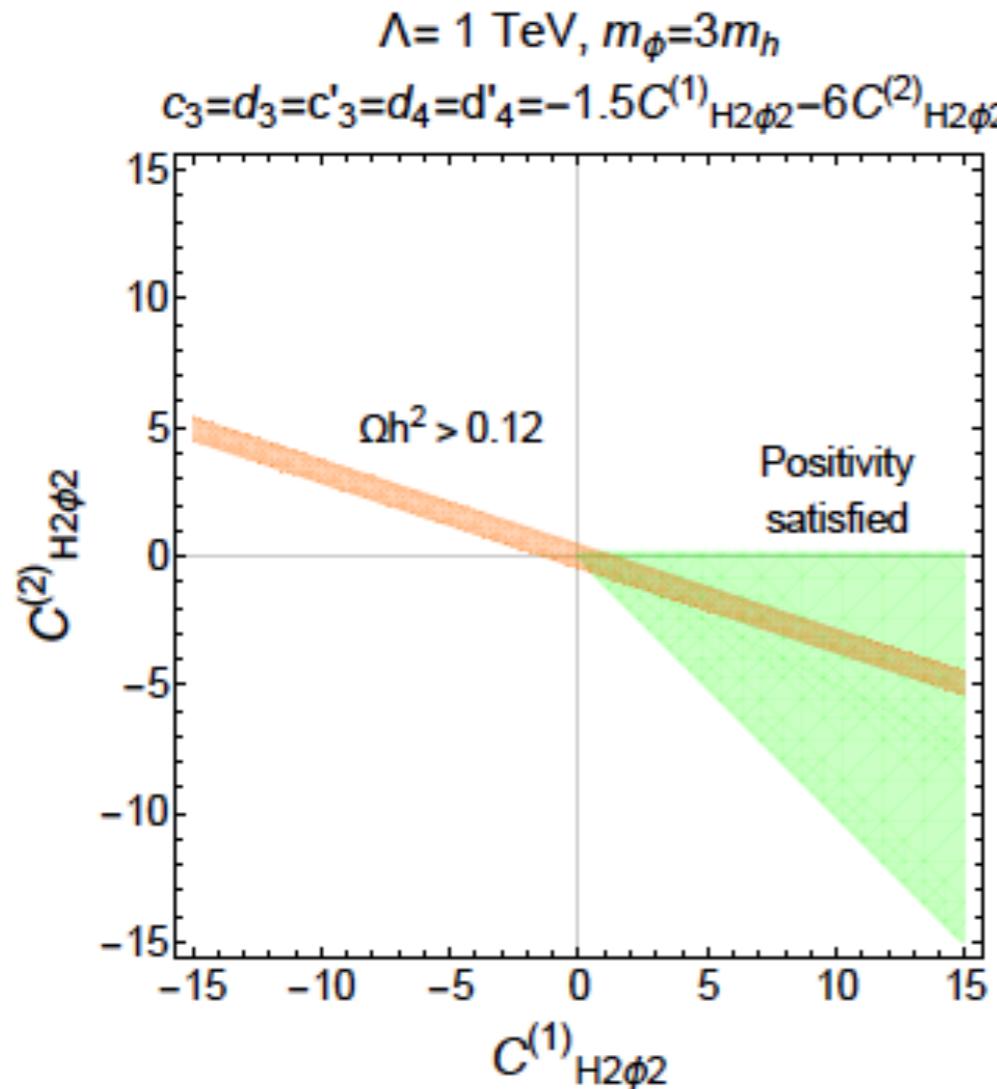
$$\sqrt{(C_{H4}^{(1)} + C_{H4}^{(2)} + C_{H4}^{(3)})C_{\varphi 4}} = 0.1 \quad \text{imposed for self-interactions.}$$

Fermion channels & direct detection relevant for $c_3 \neq c'_3$, $d_4 \neq d'_4$.

Graviton as UV completion

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- Parameter space is more restricted in the graviton case.



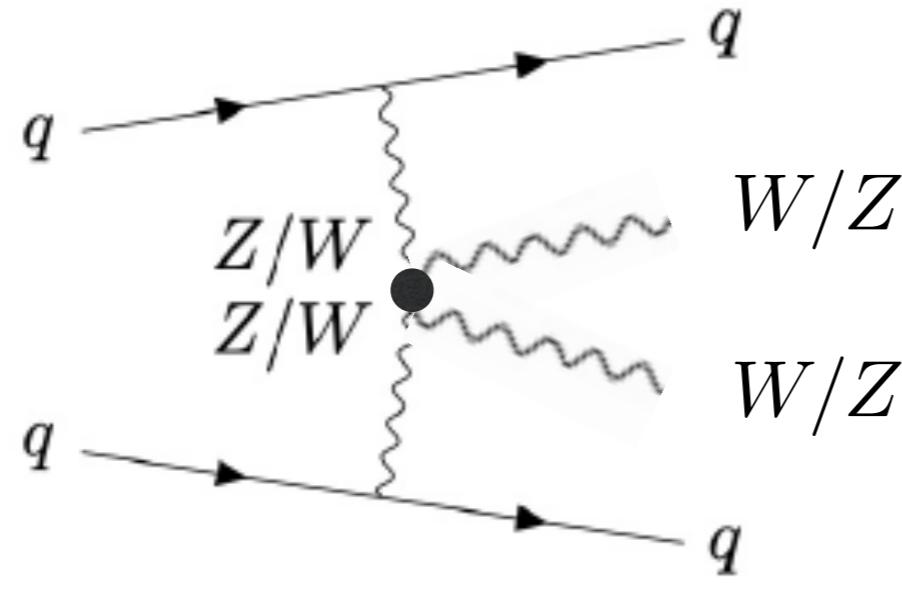
No fermion channels.
Indirect signals from WW/ZZ/hh.
No direct detection at tree level.

LHC limits on dim-8

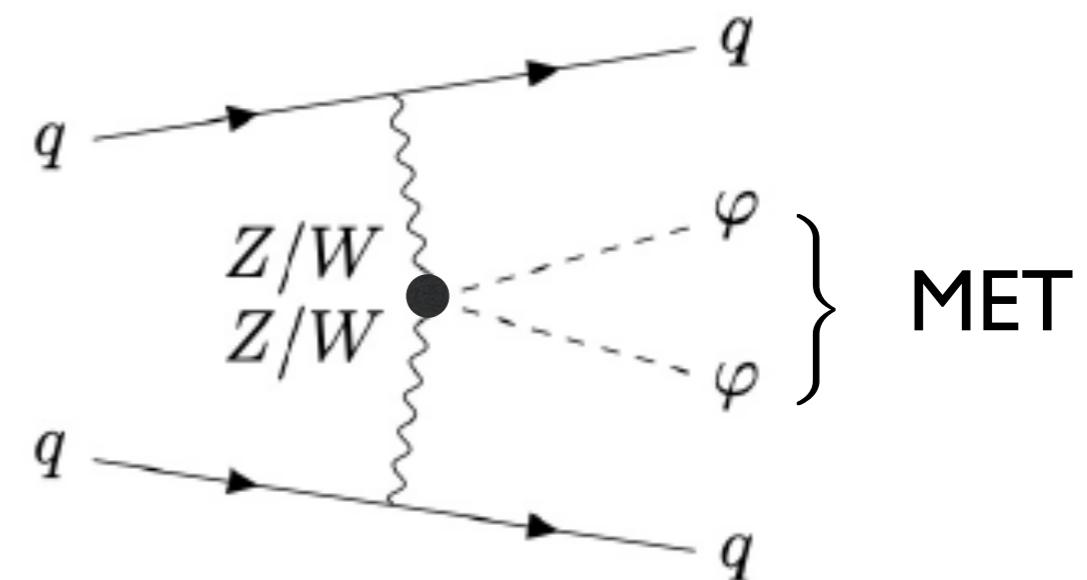
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- Dibosons & MET with two jets are searchable at LHC.

Dim-8 Higgs-self interactions



Dim-8 Higgs-portals



WW (or WZ): (95% C.L.)

$$C_{H^4}^{(2)}/\Lambda^4 = [-7.7, 7.7] \text{ TeV}^{-4}$$

$$C_{H^4}^{(3)}/\Lambda^4 = [-21.6, 21.8] \text{ TeV}^{-4}$$

MET + two jets: $|C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)}|/\Lambda^4 = |C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)}|/\Lambda^4 < 32, \quad m_\varphi = 375 \text{ GeV.}$

WW, WZ, ZZ + two jets:

$$C_{H^4}^{(2)}/\Lambda^4 = [-2.7, 2.7] \text{ TeV}^{-4}$$

$$C_{H^4}^{(3)}/\Lambda^4 = [-3.4, 3.4] \text{ TeV}^{-4}$$

Freeze-in in EFTs

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- Assume Scalar dark matter is never in thermal equilibrium.

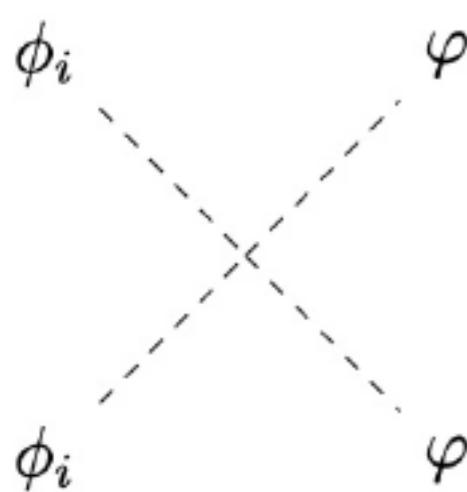
“Freeze-in DM” Dim-4: $c_3 m_H^2 m_\varphi^2 / \Lambda^4 \lesssim 10^{-7}$

Dim-6: $d_3 m_\varphi^2 / \Lambda^4, d_4 m_H^2 / \Lambda^4 \lesssim 1/(T_{\text{reh}}^3 M_{Pl})^{1/2}$

Dim-8: $C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1,2)} / \Lambda^4 \lesssim 1/(T_{\text{reh}}^7 M_{Pl})^{1/2}$

$c_3, d_4, d_3, C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1,2)} = \mathcal{O}(1)$ Maximum temperature: $T_{\text{reh}} \lesssim \left(\frac{\Lambda^8}{M_{Pl}}\right)^{1/7}$

- Scalar dark matter is produced by Higgs-Higgs scattering with Dim-8 Higgs portal.



Scattering amplitude square: $s, t \gg m_\varphi^2, m_H^2,$

$$|\mathcal{M}_{\phi_i\phi_i \rightarrow \varphi\varphi}|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{576\Lambda^8} \left[3(C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)} + 2C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)})s^2 + 6C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)}t(t+s) \right]^2$$

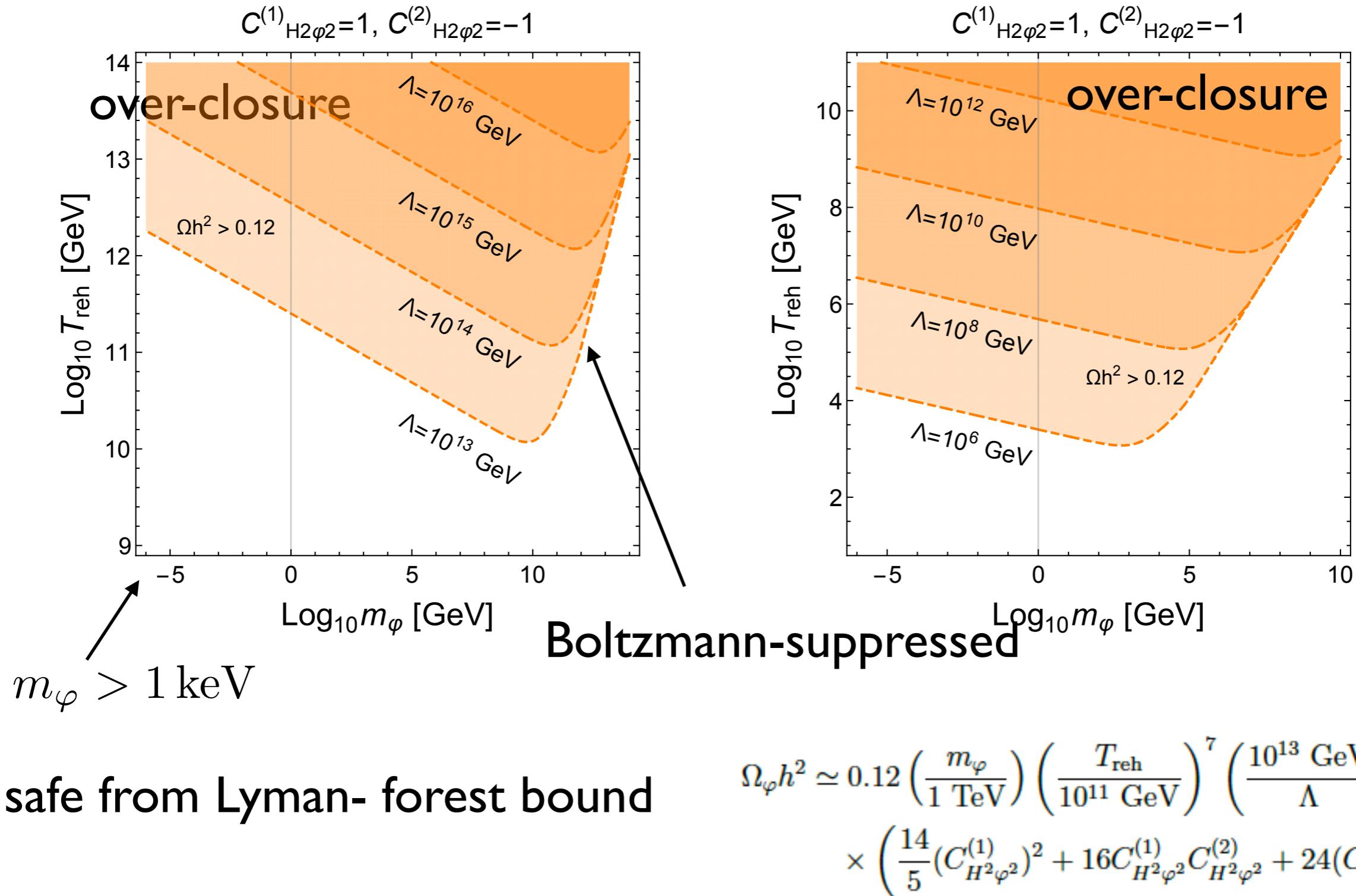
Dark matter produced until $T=m_H$: $T_{\text{reh}} \gg m_\varphi, m_H,$

$$Y_\varphi(m_H) \simeq \frac{g_\phi T_{\text{reh}}^7}{\sqrt{g_*(T_{\text{reh}})}} \frac{2\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\pi^6 M_{Pl} \left(7(C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)})^2 + 40C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(1)}C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)} + 60(C_{H^2\varphi^2}^{(2)})^2 \right)}{138915\Lambda^8}$$

FIMP relic density

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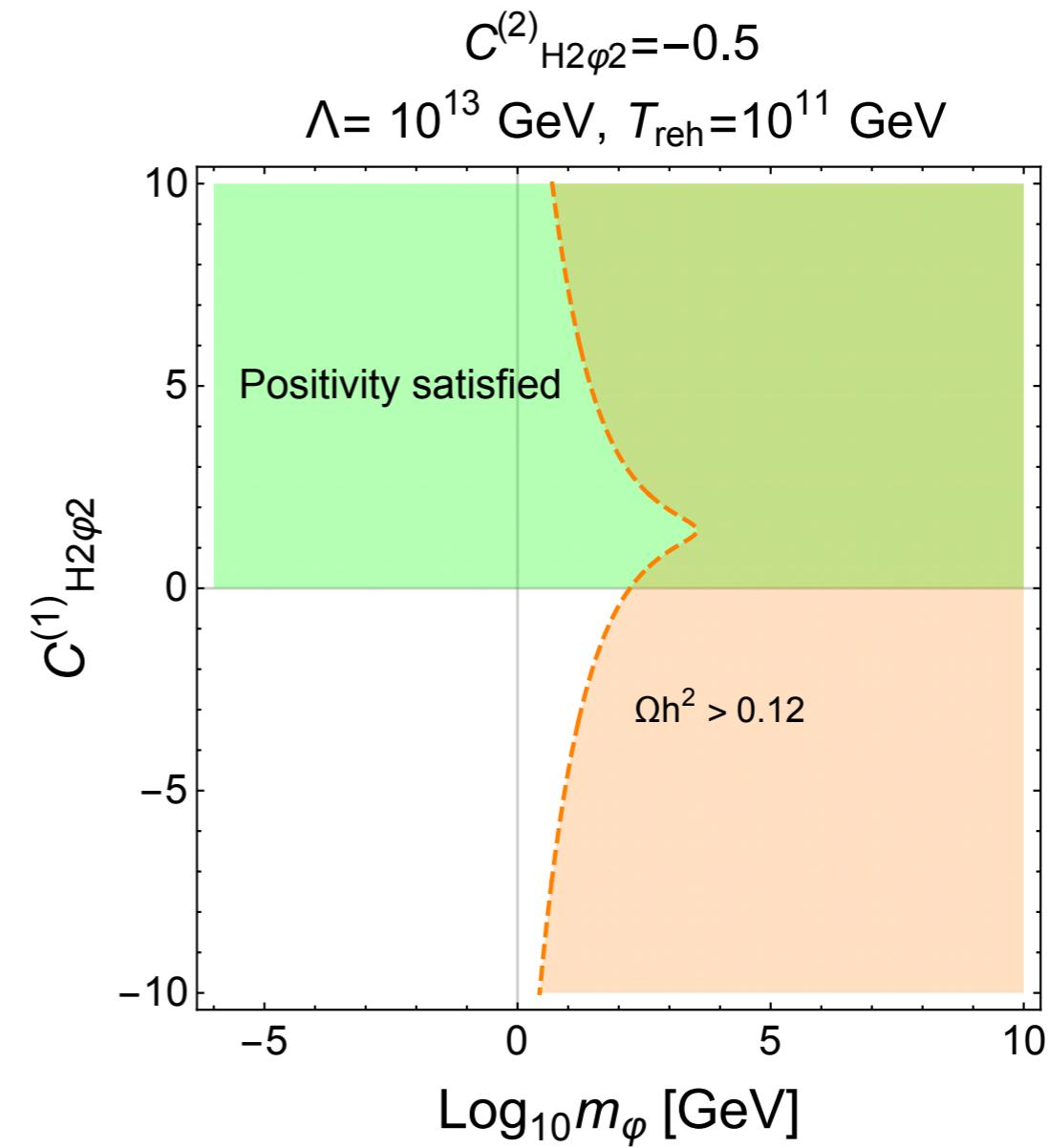
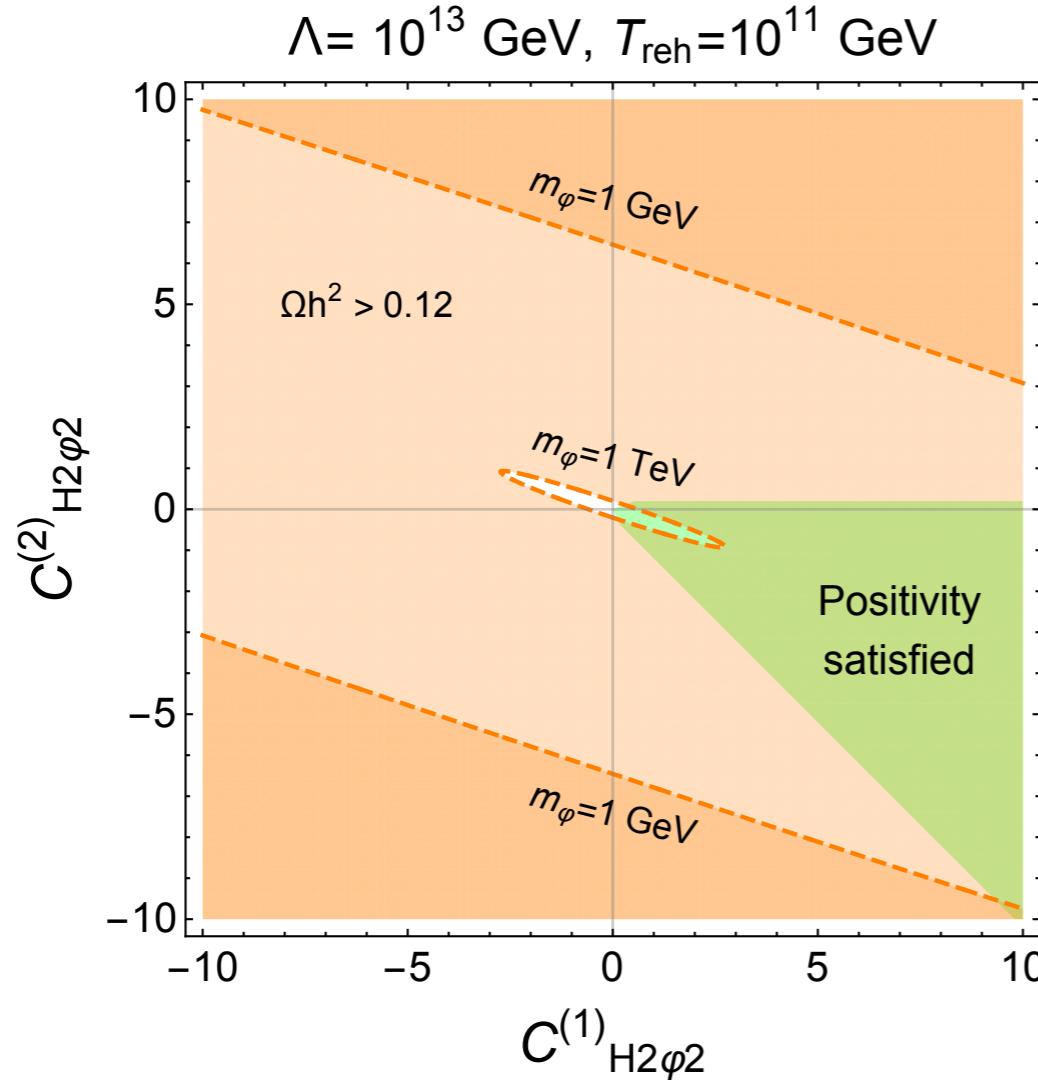
- Scalar dark matter mass vs reheating temperature



High reheating

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- High T_{reh} favors relatively large DM masses, 1 GeV-1 TeV for $T_{\text{reh}}=10^{11}$ GeV; Positivity rules out part of parameter space.



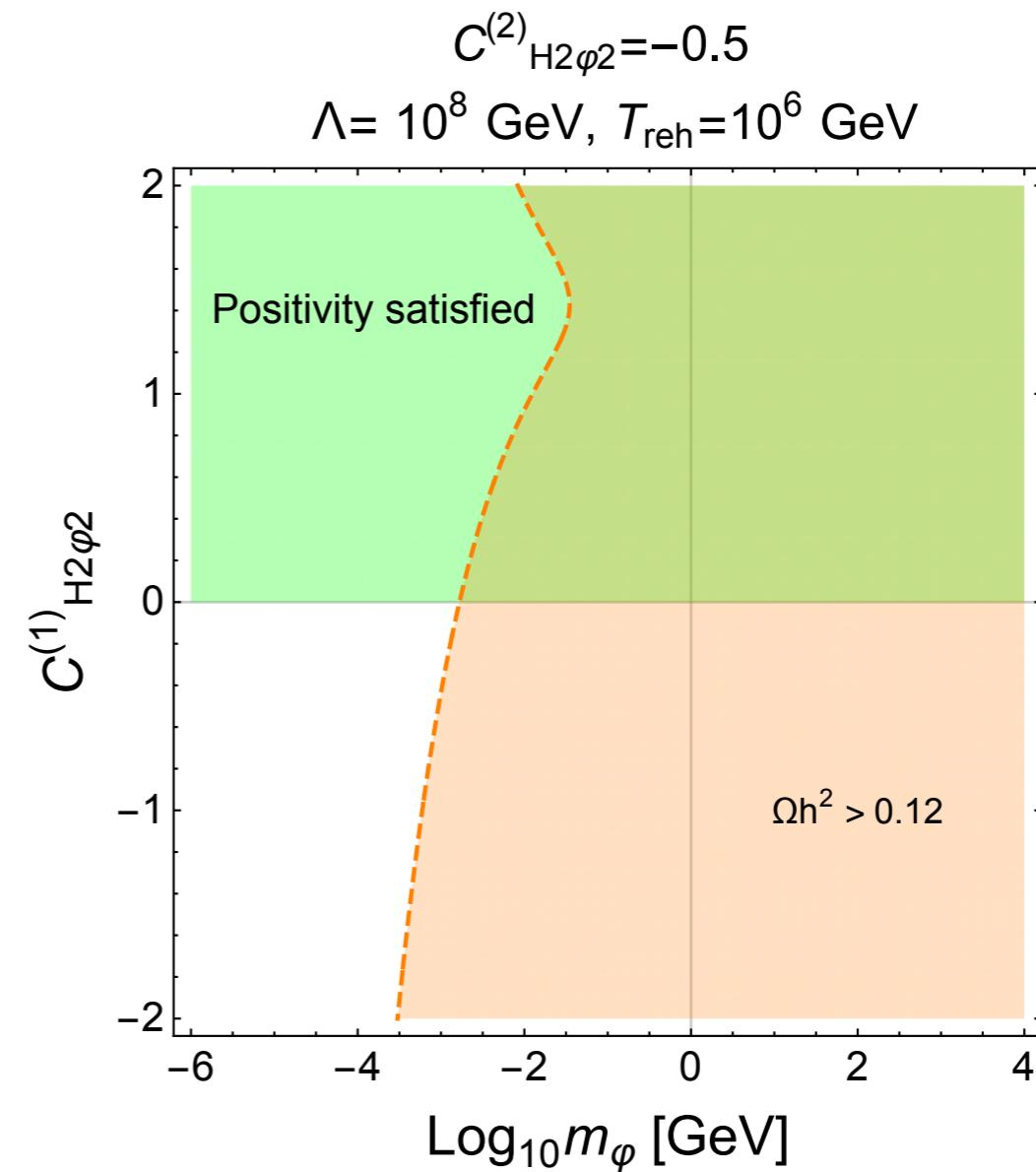
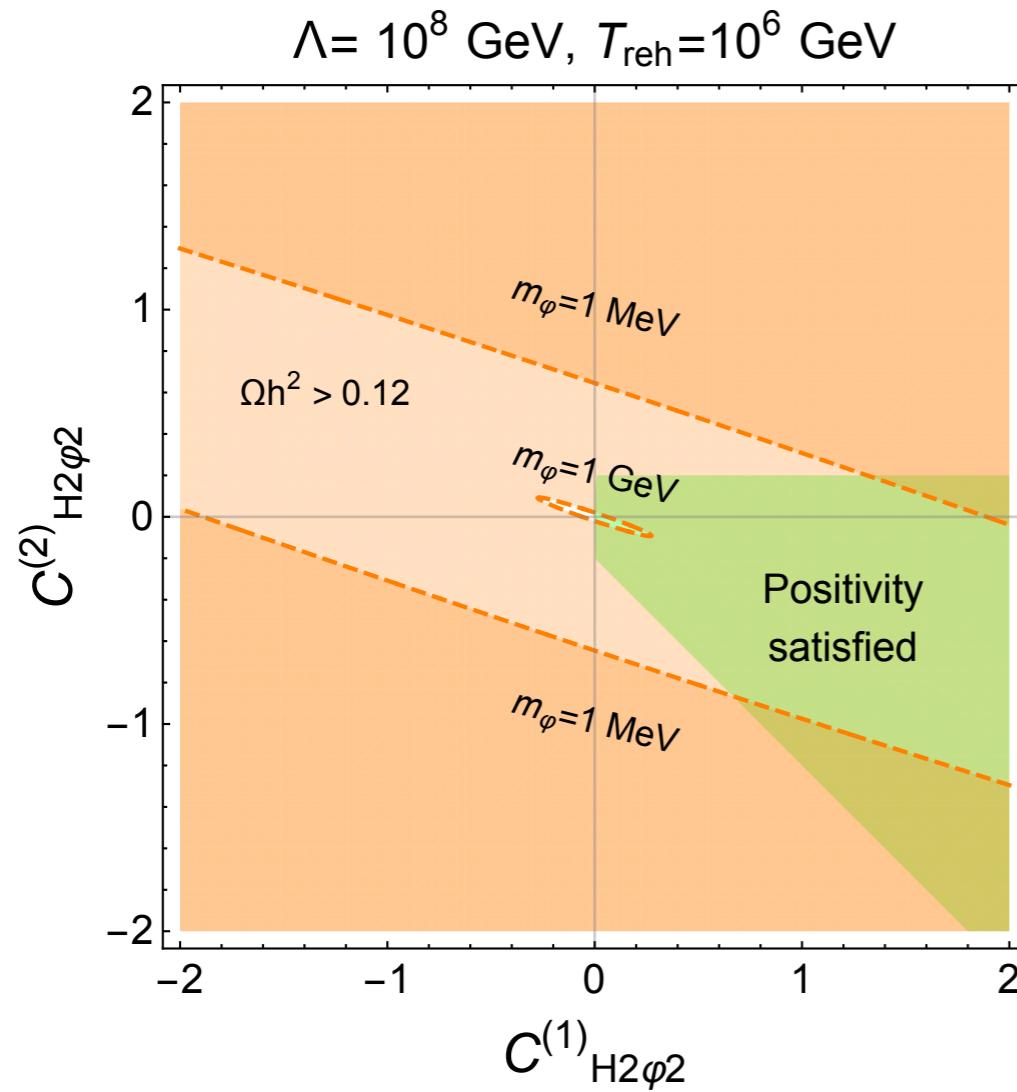
$$\sqrt{(C_H^{(1)} + C_H^{(2)} + C_H^{(3)})C_{\varphi^4}} = 0.1$$

imposed for self-interactions.

Low reheating

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- Low T_{reh} favors small DM masses, e.g. 1 MeV-1 GeV for $T_{\text{reh}}=10^6$ GeV; Positivity rules out part of parameter space.



$$\sqrt{(C_H^{(1)} + C_H^{(2)} + C_H^{(3)}) C_{\varphi^4}} = 0.1 \quad \text{imposed for self-interactions.}$$

Conclusions

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- Positivity bounds lead to interesting hints through higher dimensional operators beyond the SM.
- Positivity bounds constrain dimension-8 Higgs-portal interactions for WIMP dark matter, being complementary to relic density, direct/indirect detection and collider bounds.
- When dim-4 & dim-6 operators for Higgs-portal can be suppressed by mass squares as for graviton-like resonances, dim-8 derivative operators are most important for freeze-in, being bounded by dark matter production & positivity bounds.