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Entanglement and Bell's Inequalities with boosted top quark pairs

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Understanding Jet Charge

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👤 Andrew Larkoski (UCLA)

Beyond Kinematics for Optimal Hadronic Top Quark Polarimetry

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Speaker

👤 Zhongtian Dong (University of Kansas)

arXiv:2405.xxxxx Dong, Gonçalves, Kong, Larkoski, Navarro

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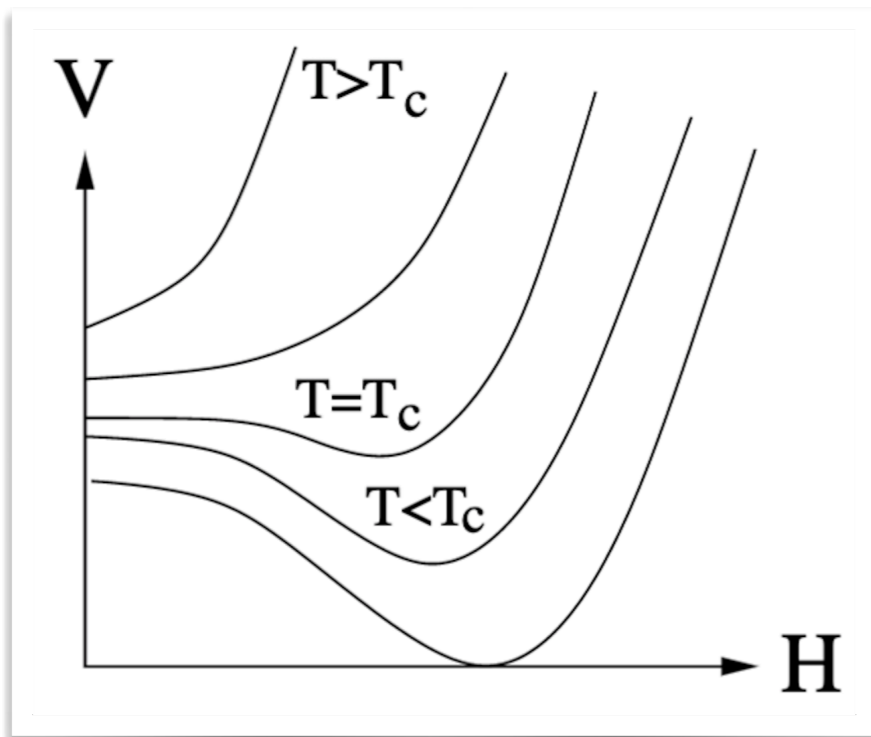
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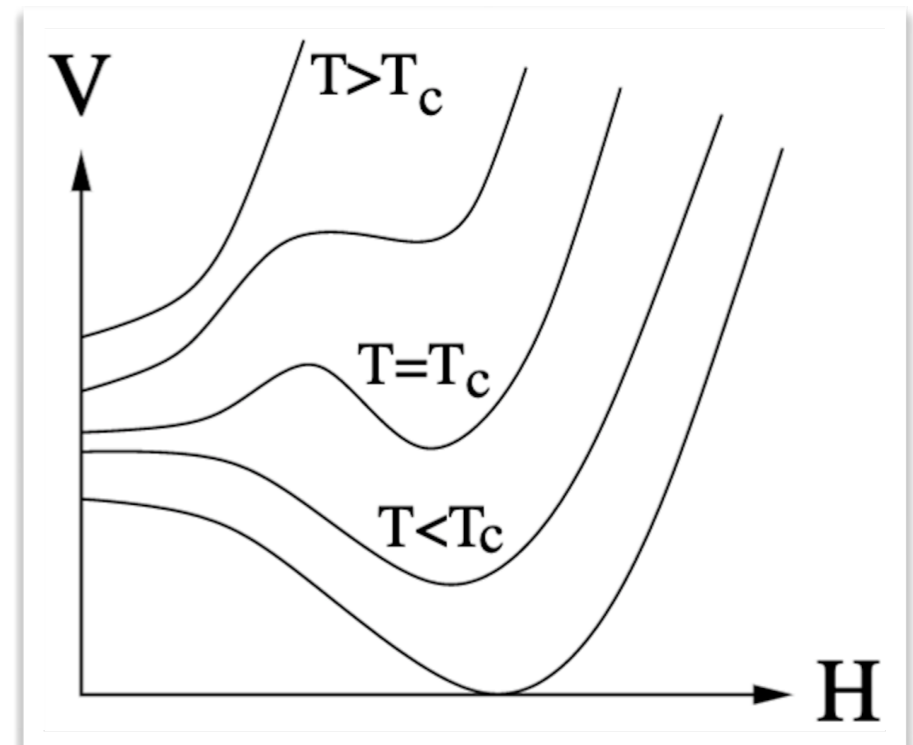
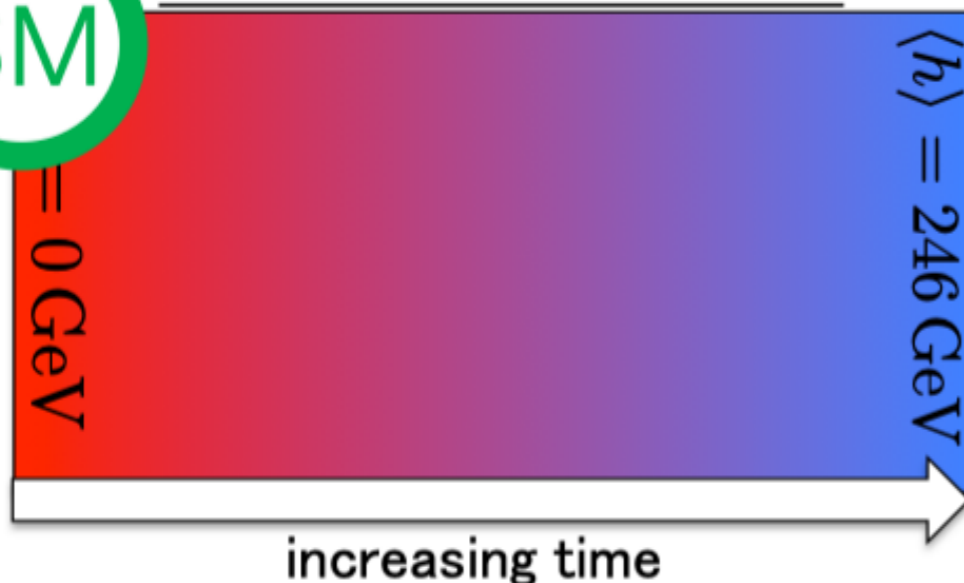
Thermal history of our Universe

What is the order of the Electroweak Phase Transition?



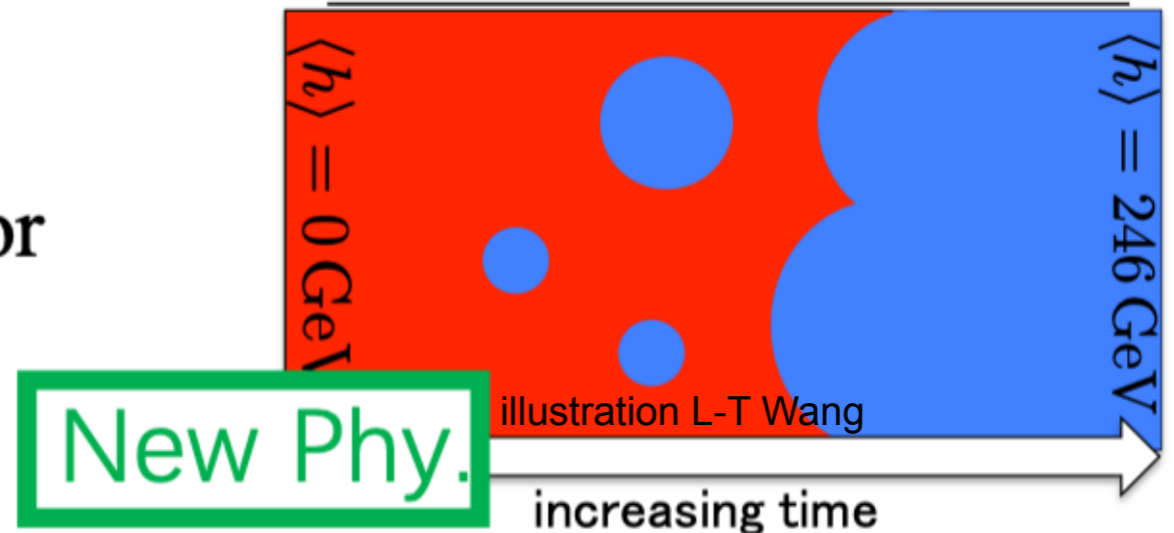
Continuous Crossover

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First Order Phase Transition

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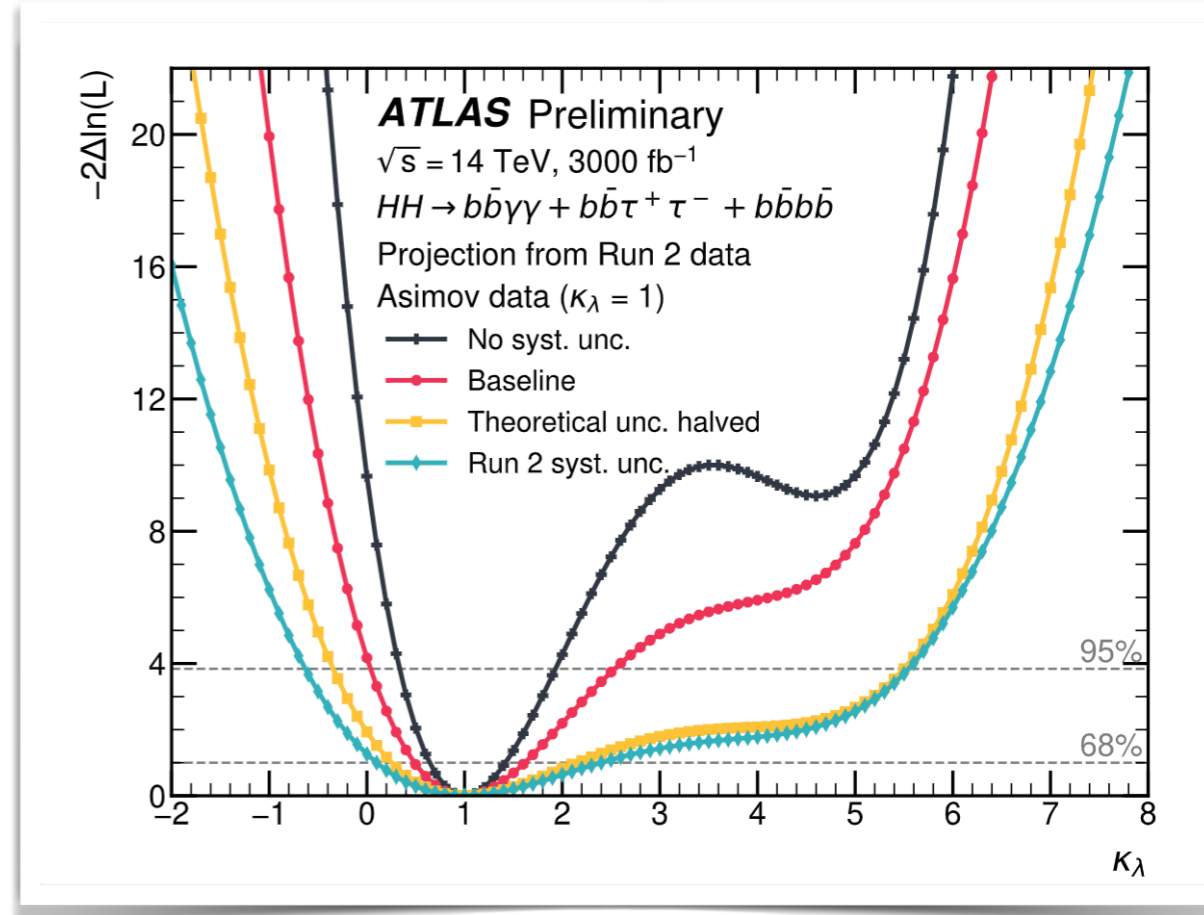
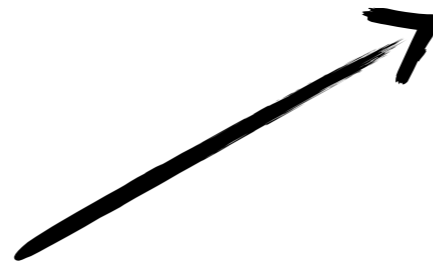
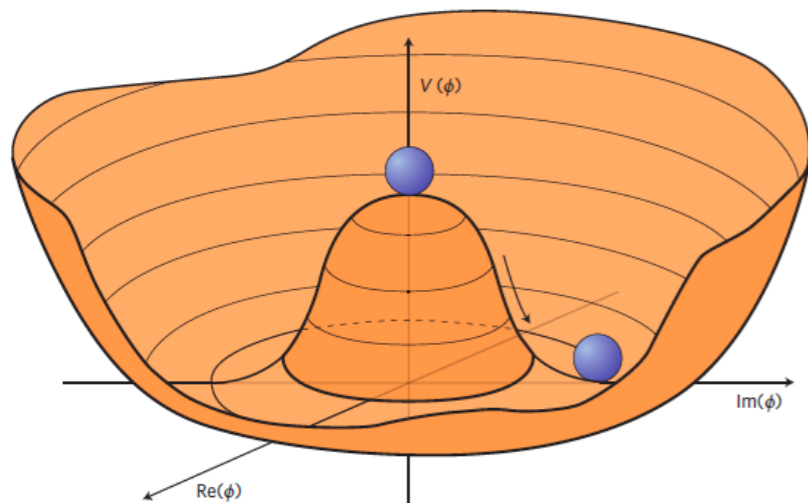
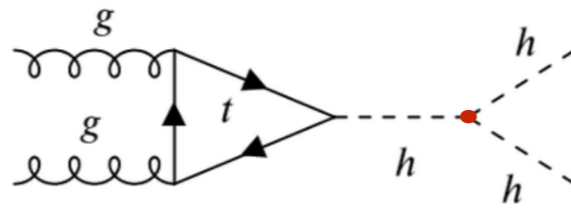
New Phy.

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Higgs Potential: Collider & GW Complementarity

LHC searches:

- Higgs pair production
- Heavy resonant searches

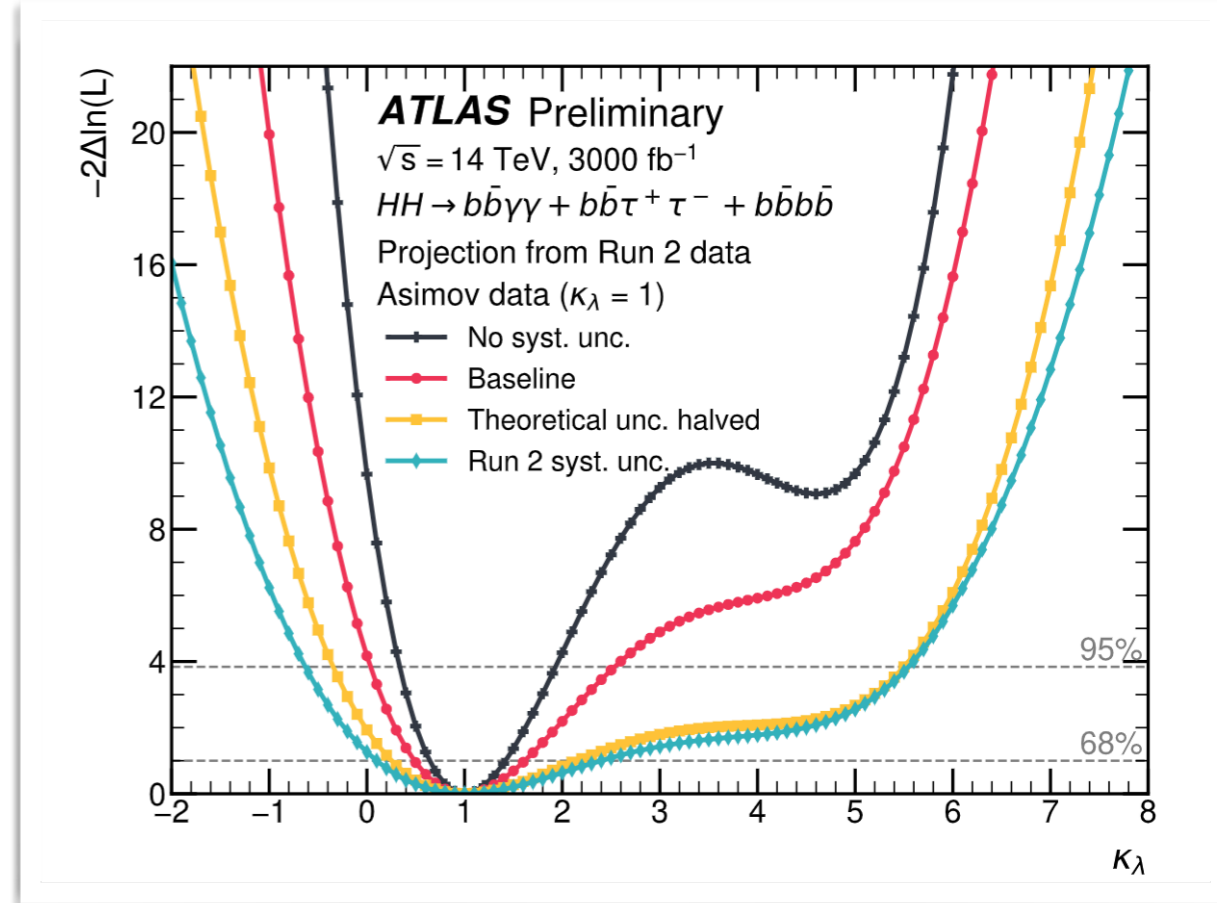
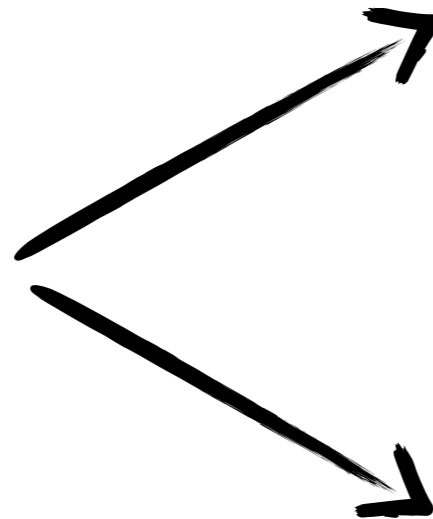
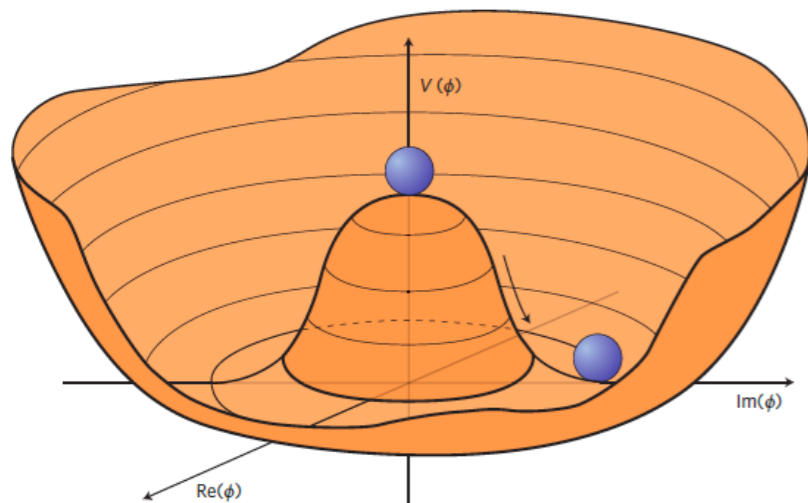
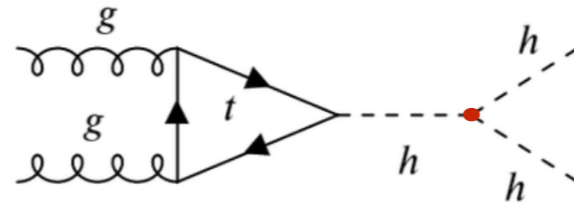


See talks by Viviana Cavaliere and Jason Veatch

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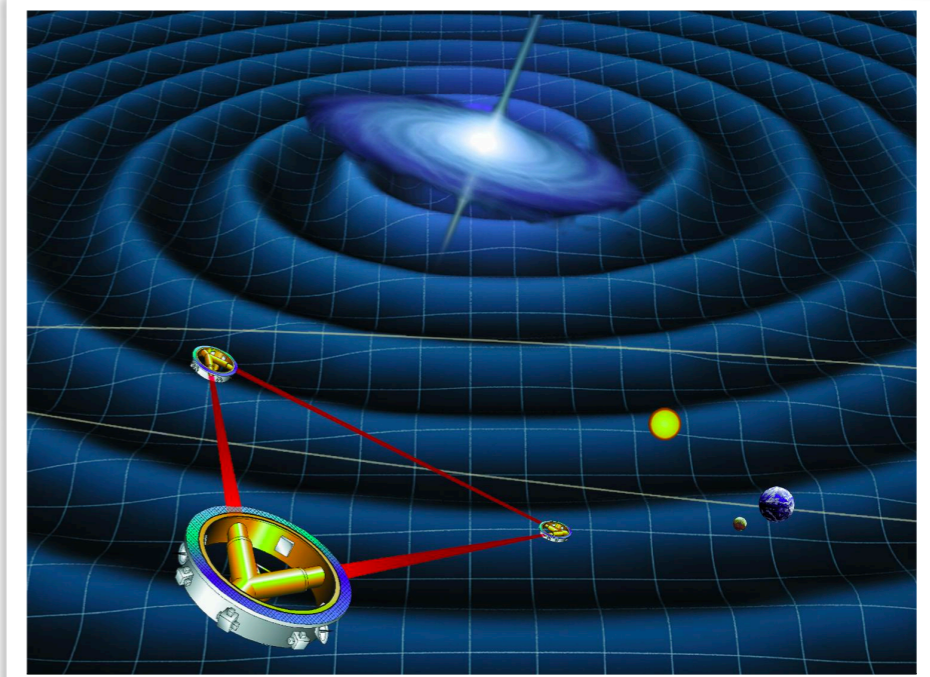
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For $T^* \sim 100$ GeV, GW frequency (redshifted to today) \sim mHz

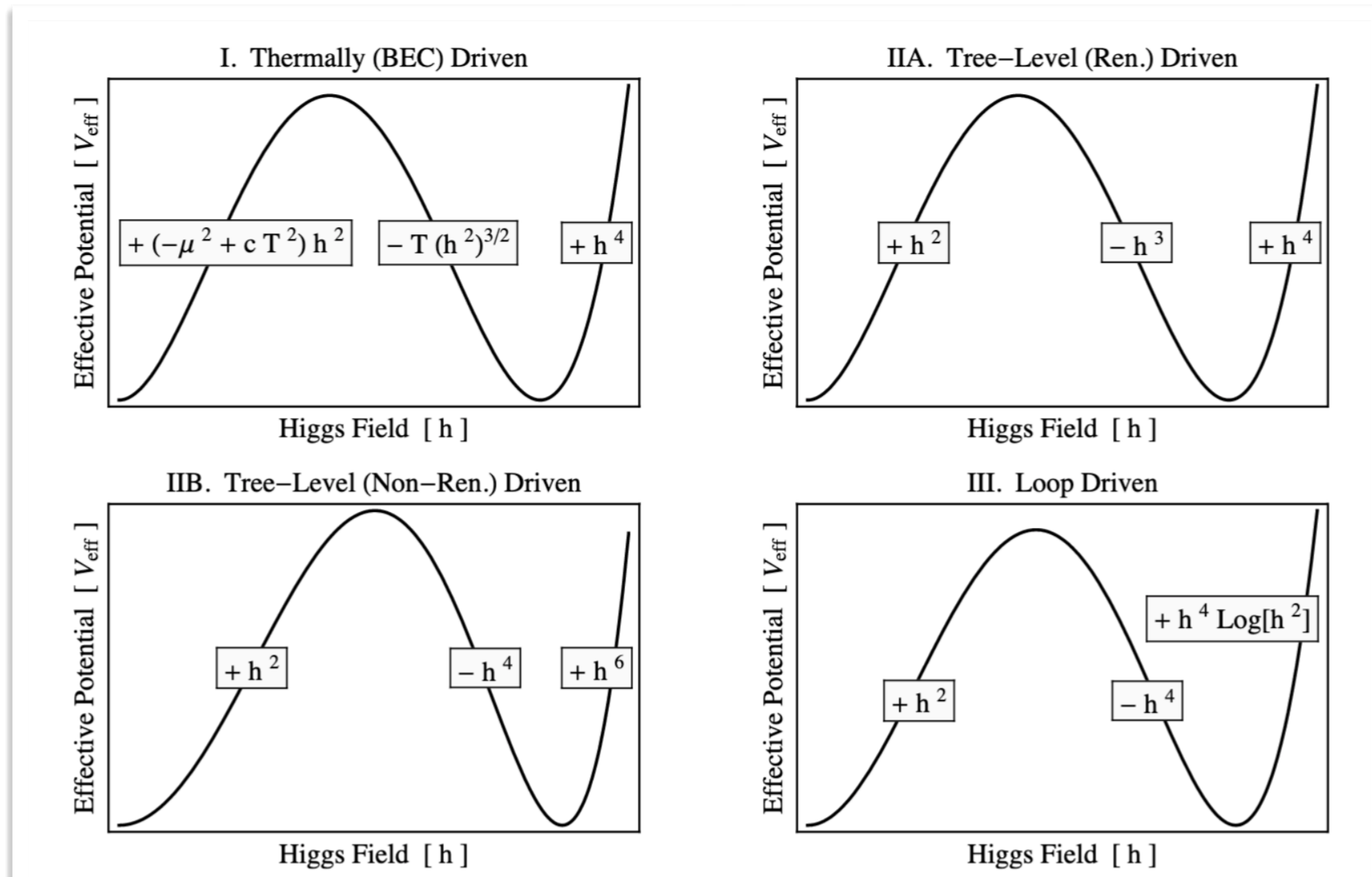
Signal in sensitivity band of future space-based GW detector **LISA**



The Shape of the Higgs Potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_0 + V_1 + V_T$$

Barrier formation: tree vs. one-loop vs. thermally induced barrier



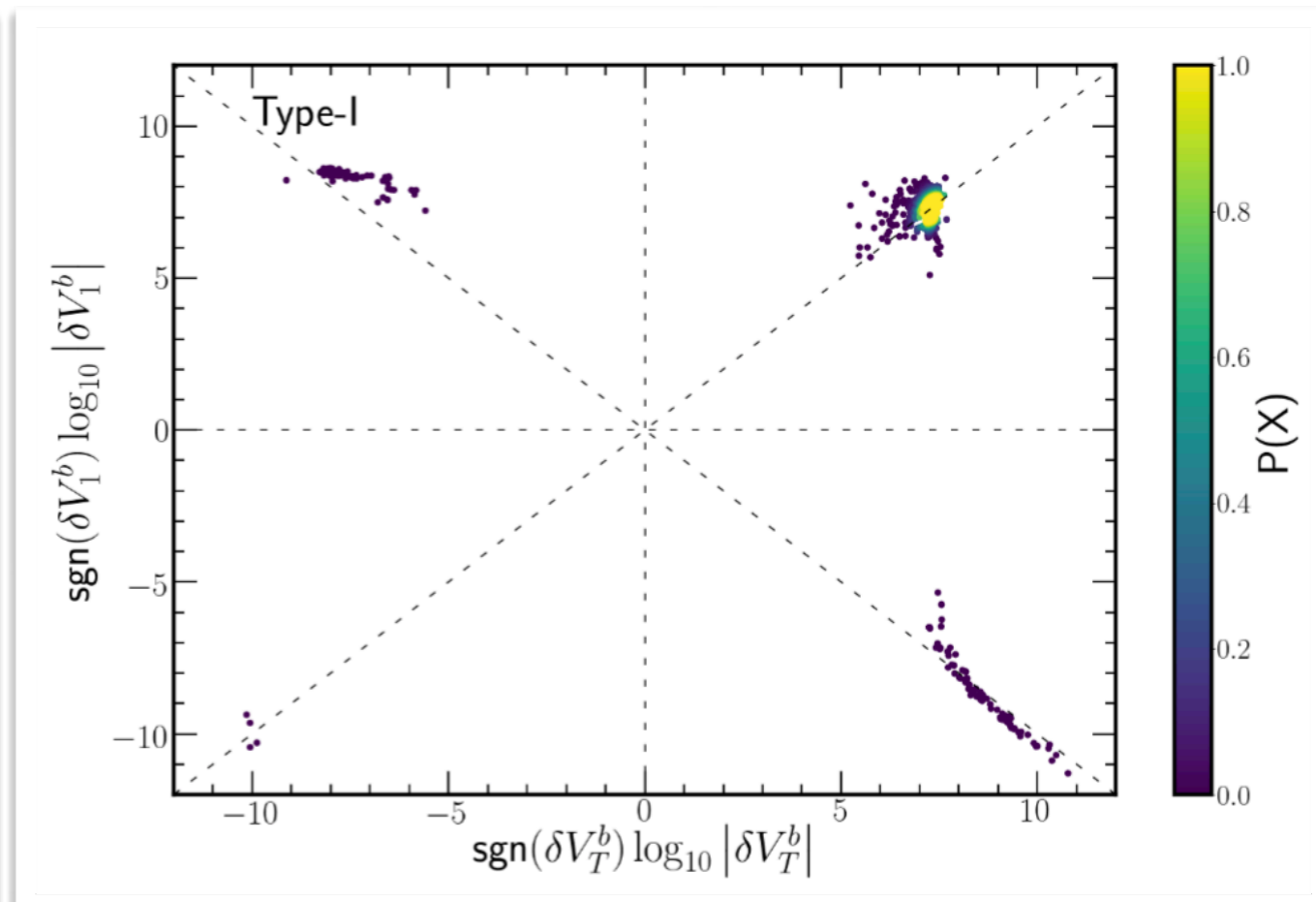
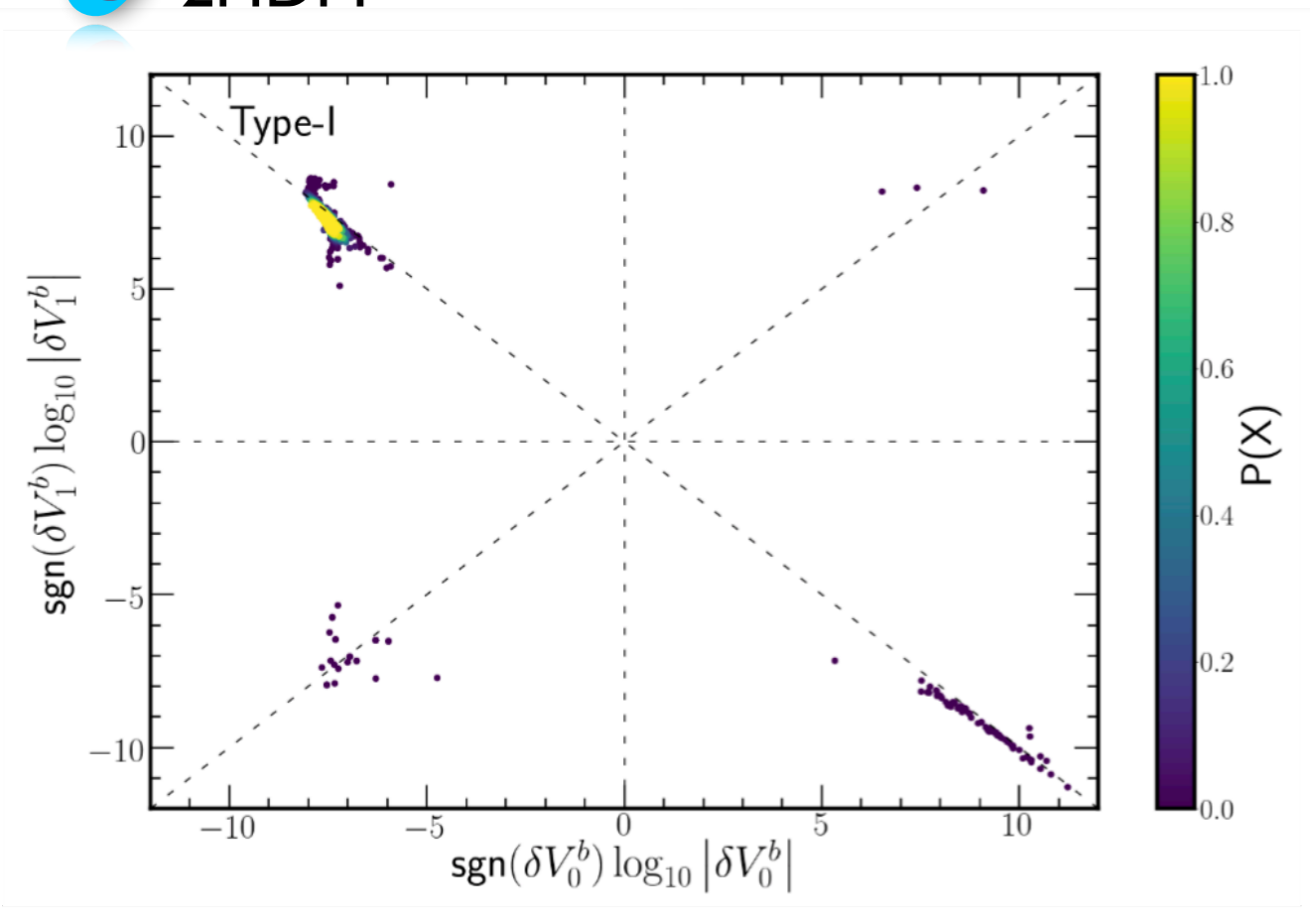
Chung, Long, L-T Wang '12

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● **Barrier formation:** tree vs. one-loop vs. thermally induced barrier

● 2HDM



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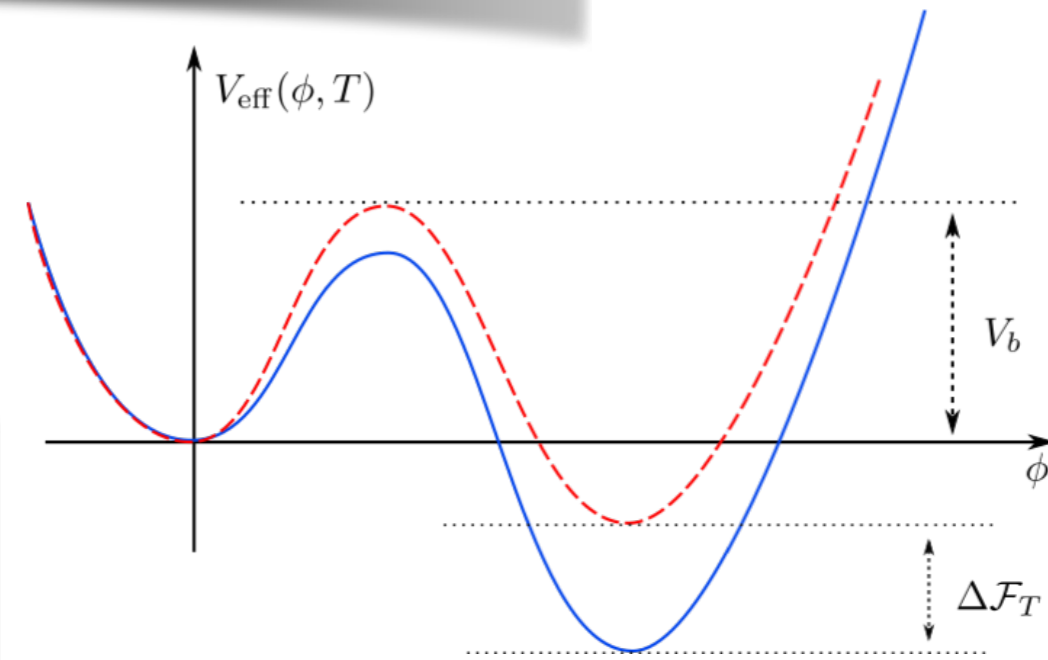
➡ Potential barrier induced by one-loop+thermal effects for more than 99% of points

The Shape of the Higgs Potential

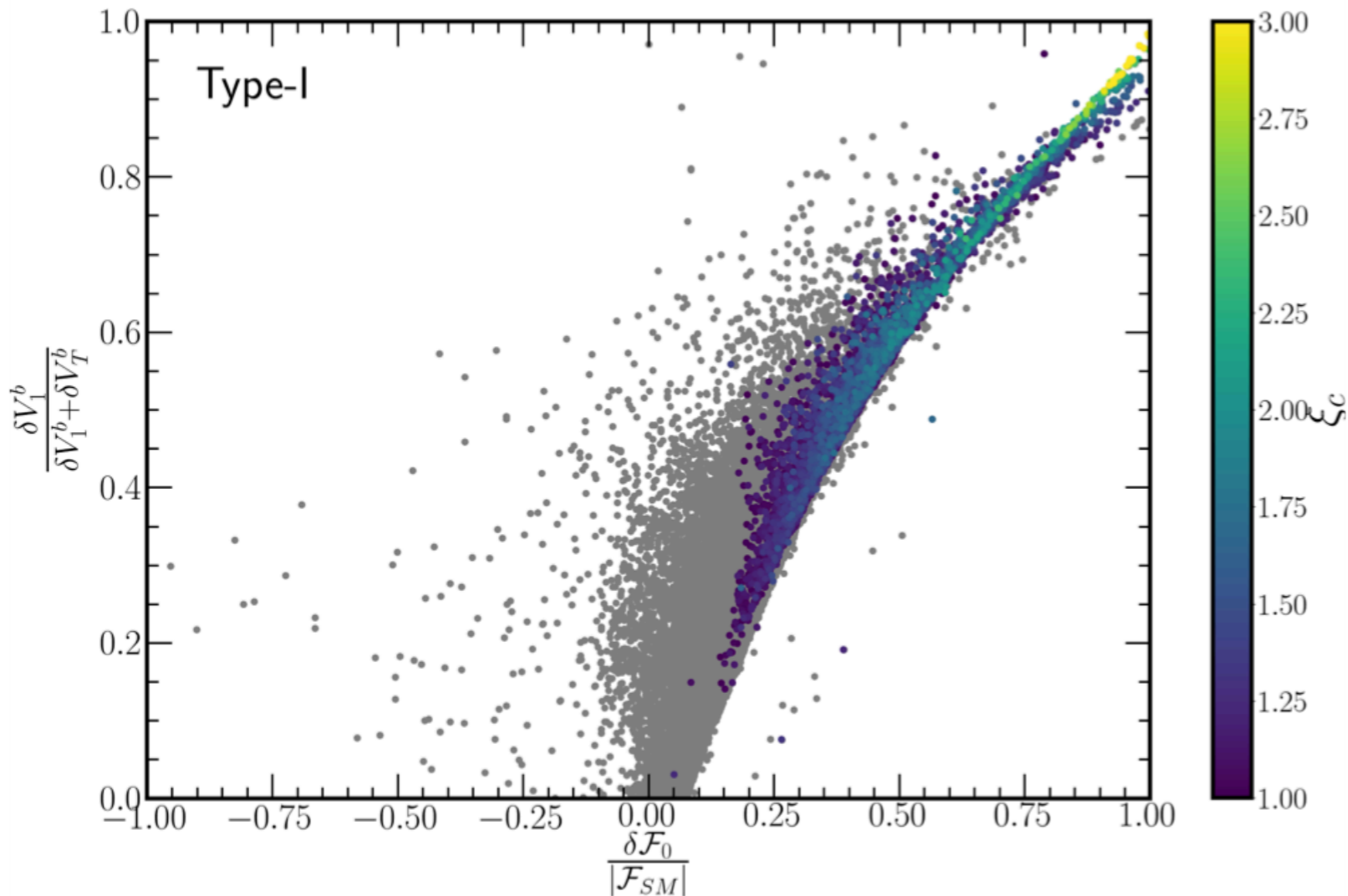
Vacuum Upliftment:

$$\frac{\Delta\mathcal{F}_0}{|\mathcal{F}_0^{\text{SM}}|} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{F}_0 - \mathcal{F}_0^{\text{SM}}}{|\mathcal{F}_0^{\text{SM}}|}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_0 \equiv V_{\text{eff}}(v_1, v_2, T = 0) - V_{\text{eff}}(0, 0, T = 0)$$

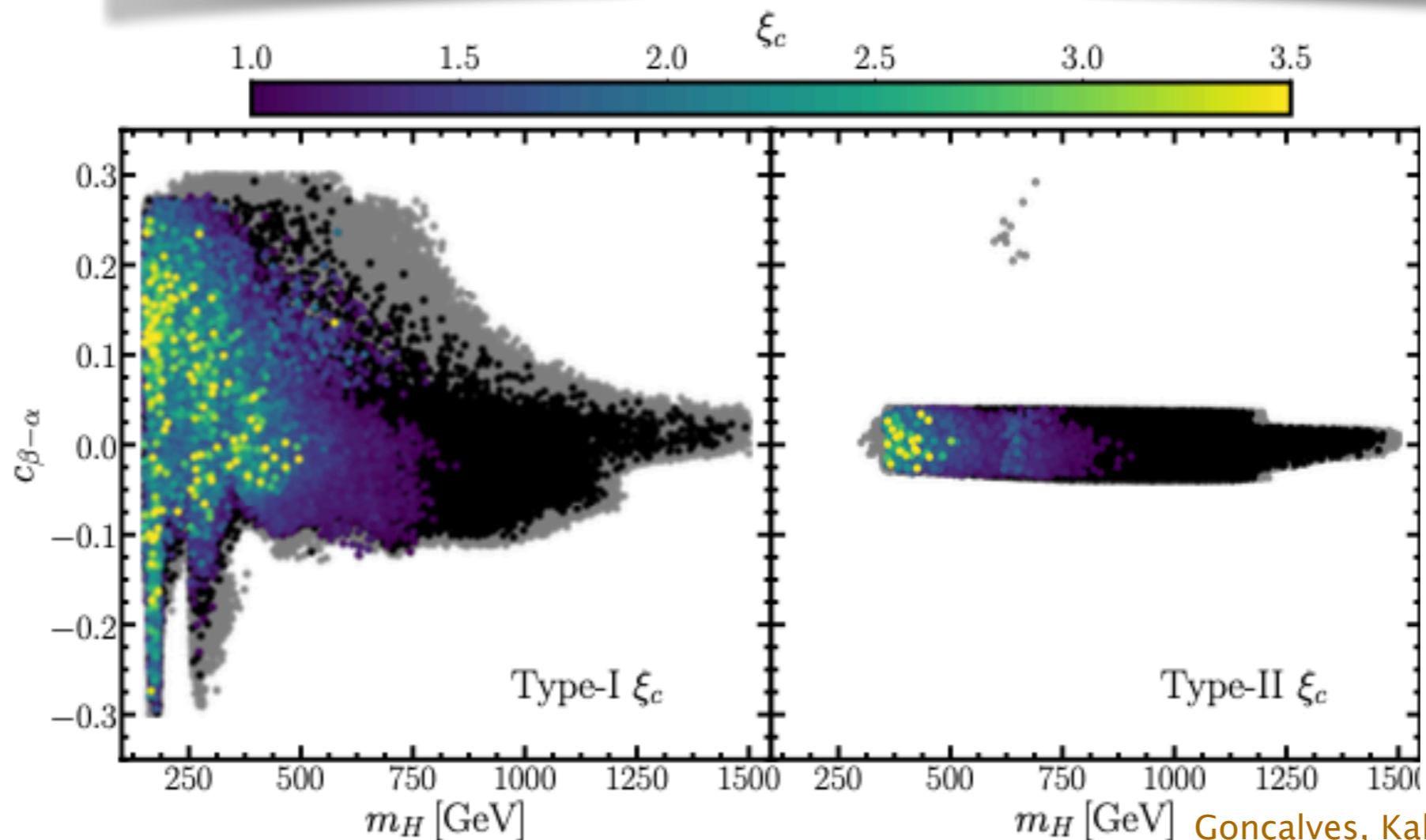


$$\xi_c \equiv \frac{v_c}{T_c}$$



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Strong first-order phase transition in the 2HDM



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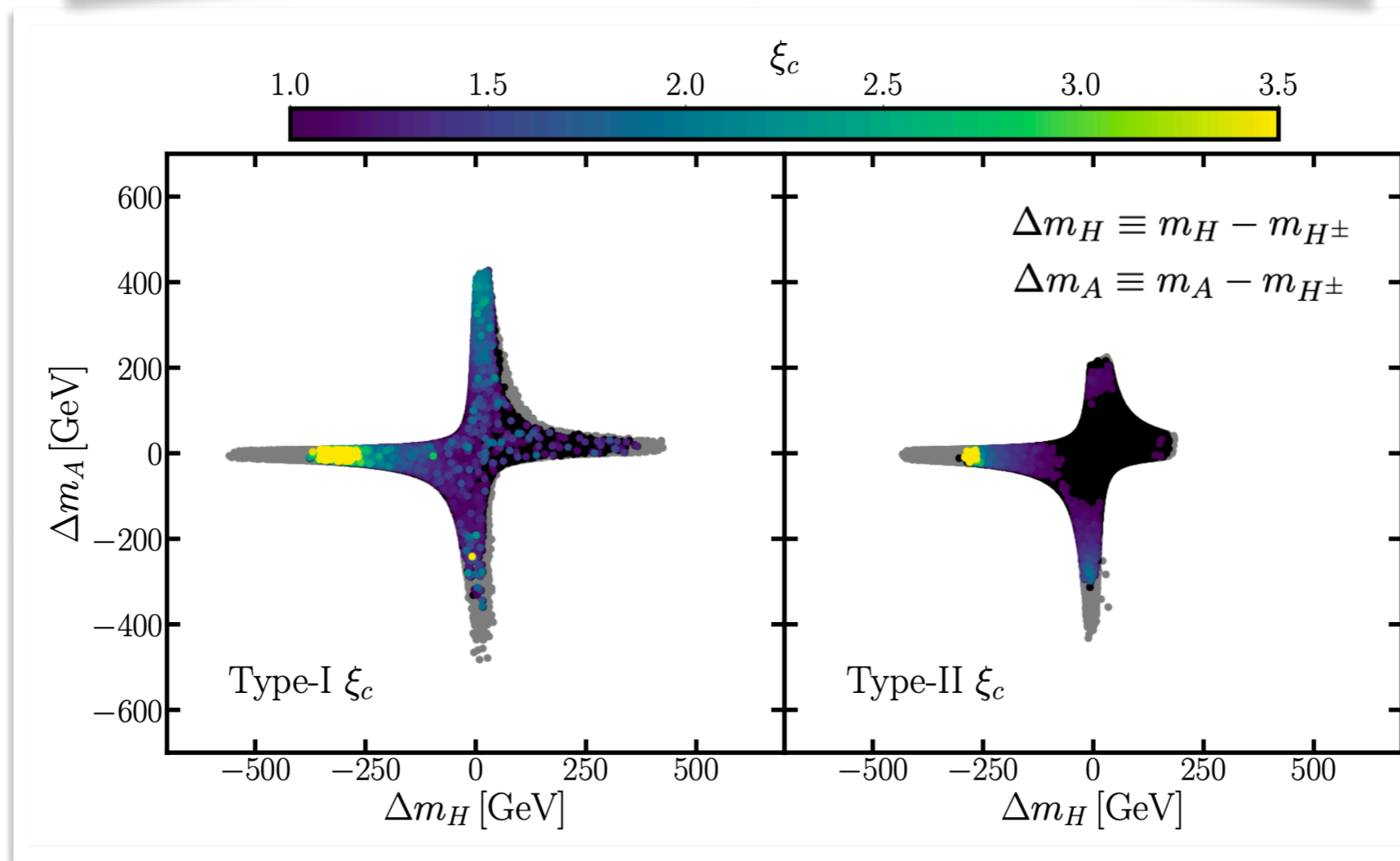
Ramsey-Musolf '19

➡ Typically: the higher the order parameter, the lighter the resonance

$$\xi > 1 \rightarrow m_H \lesssim 750 \text{ GeV}$$

➡ Strong extra motivation for scalar searches at the LHC

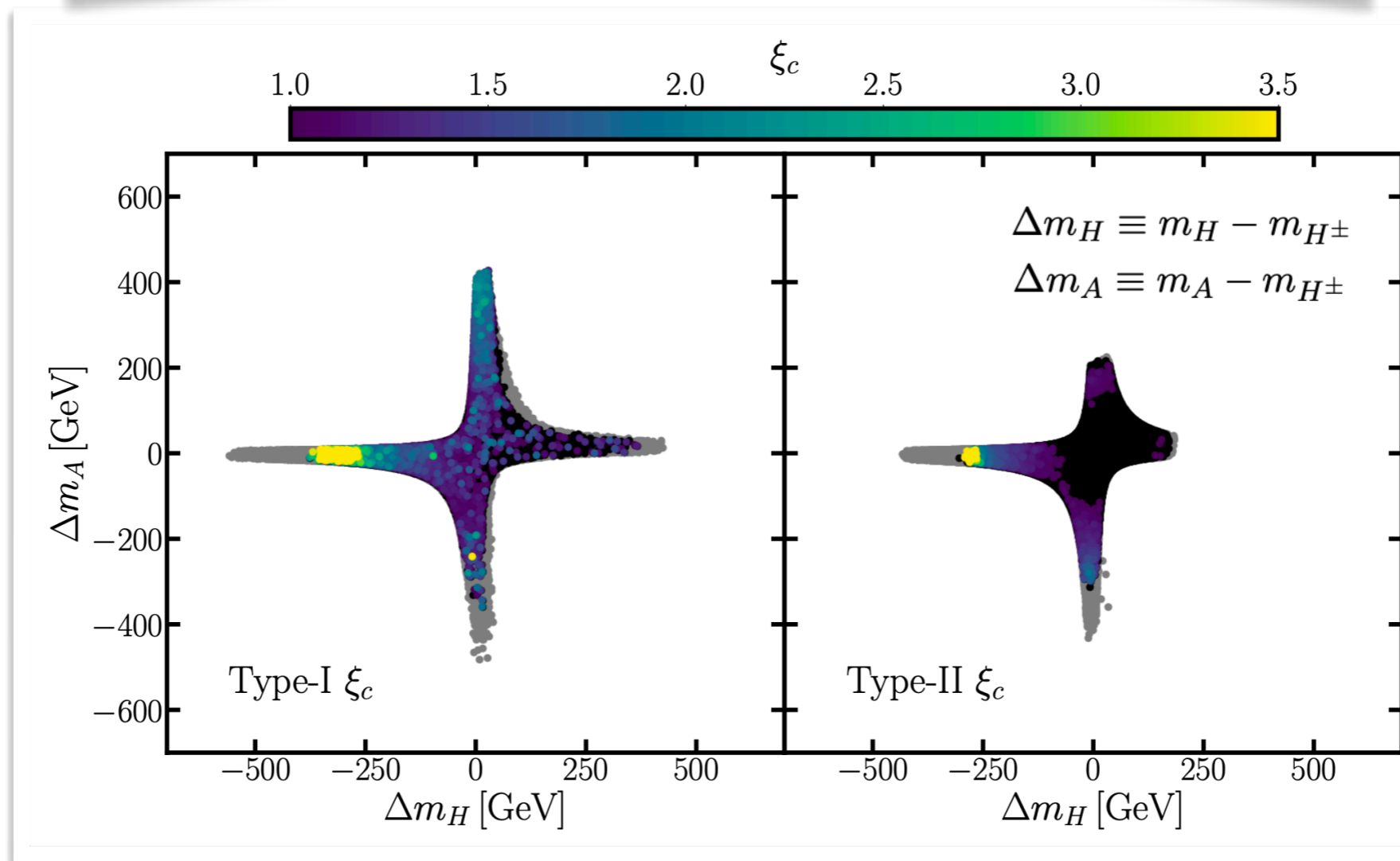
Mass Hierarchy for strong first-order phase transition



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- ➡ Due to the preference for large mass hierarchy among the scalar modes, it is likely that at least one of the scalar states be above the top-quark pair threshold: Favors $gg \rightarrow H/A \rightarrow tt$ searches
- ➡ $m_H < m_{H^\pm} \approx m_A$: most favorable region for SFOEWPT
Favors BSM searches via $A \rightarrow ZH$ channel

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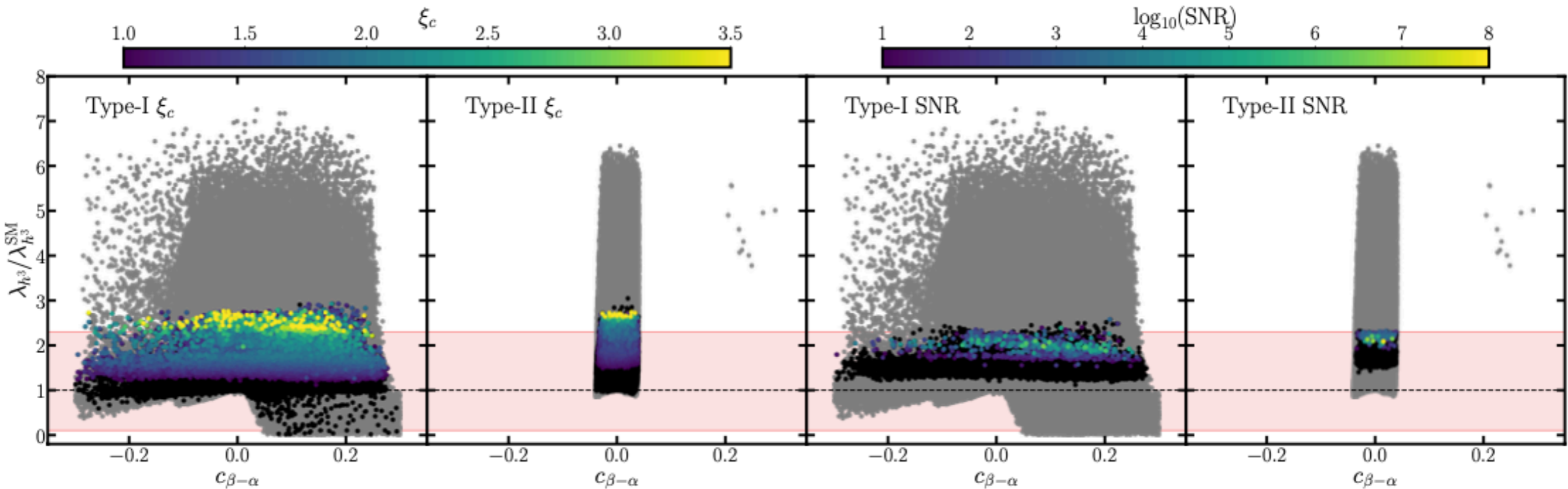


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➔ $m_H \approx m_{H^\pm} \approx m_A$ region leads to depleted number of SFOEWPT points. Due to the charged Higgs mass constraint $m_{H^\pm} > 580$ GeV, the type-II 2HDM displays further suppression for this region in comparison to type-I.

Collider & GW complementarity

Non-resonant di-Higgs searches:



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$$0.1 < \lambda_{h^3}/\lambda_{h^3}^{SM} < 2.3$$

Limited precision prompts Higgs self-coupling as key benchmark for future colliders

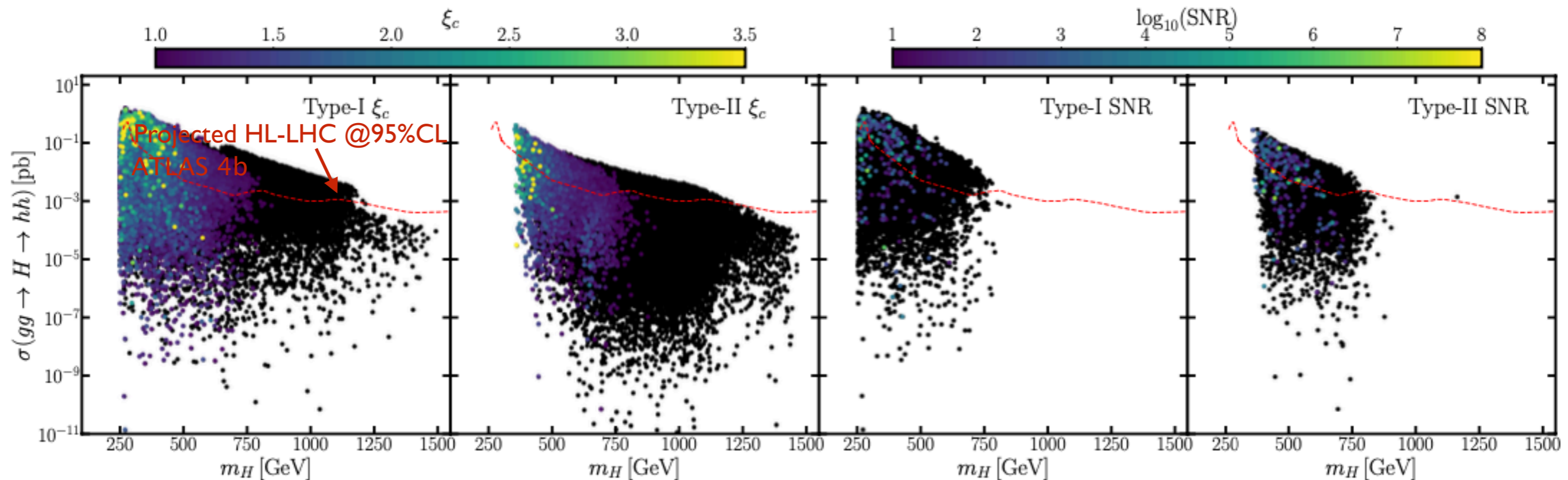
ATLAS+CMS projections from European strategy

➡ While HL-LHC sensitive to SFOEWPT with $\xi_c > 2.5$, LISA sensitive to GW signals in complementary regime $\xi_c < 2.5$

Collider & GW complementarity

Resonant di-Higgs searches:

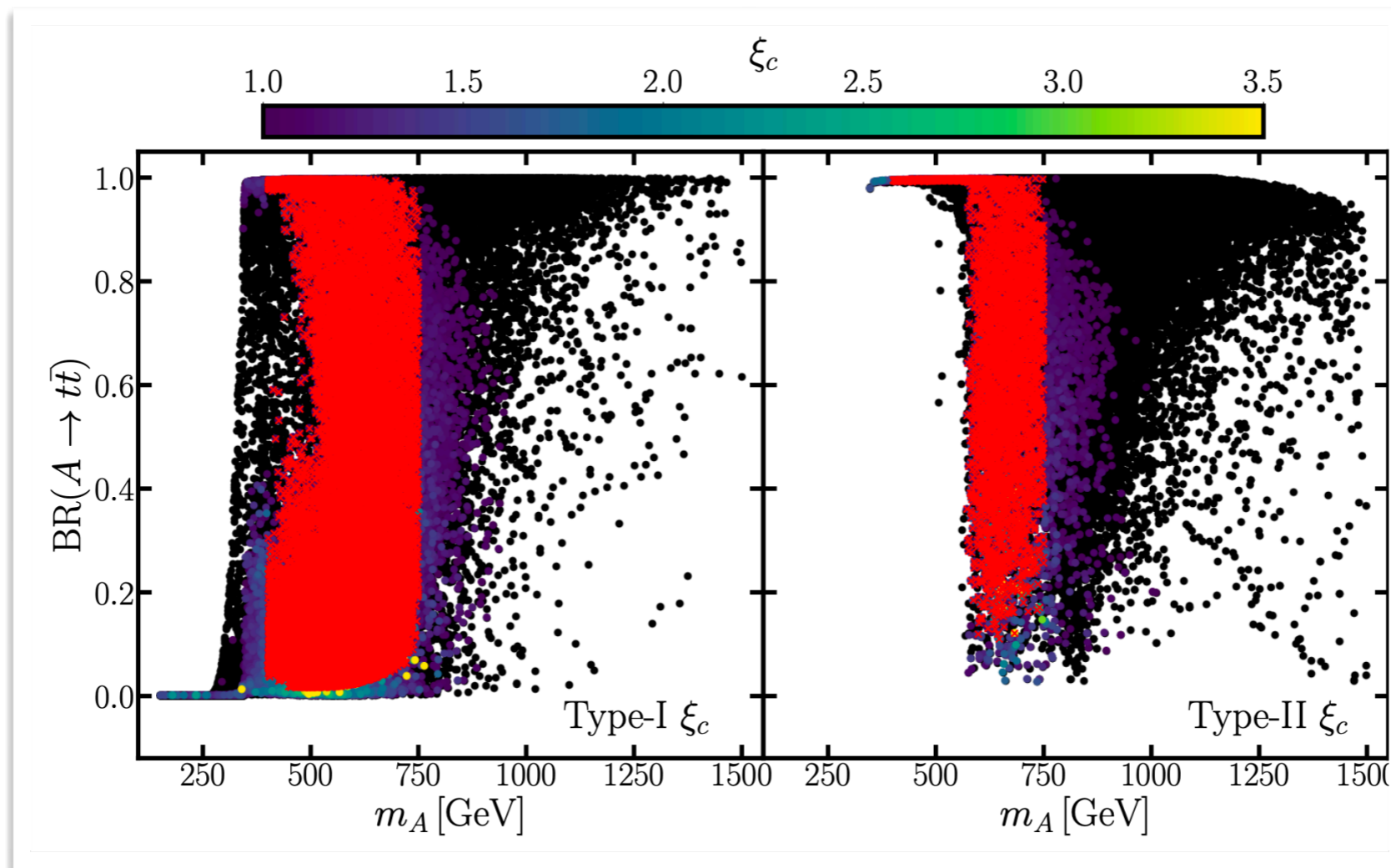
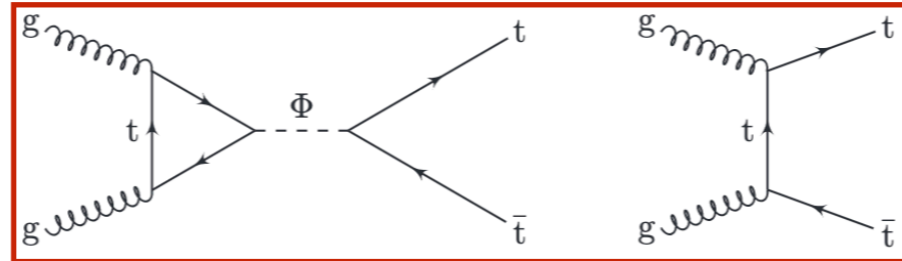
$\xi_c > 1 \rightarrow m_H \lesssim 750 \text{ GeV}$: $pp \rightarrow H \rightarrow hh$ searches is favored at LHC



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While HL-LHC sensitive to SFOEWPT with large ξ_c , LISA sensitive to GW signals in complementary regime

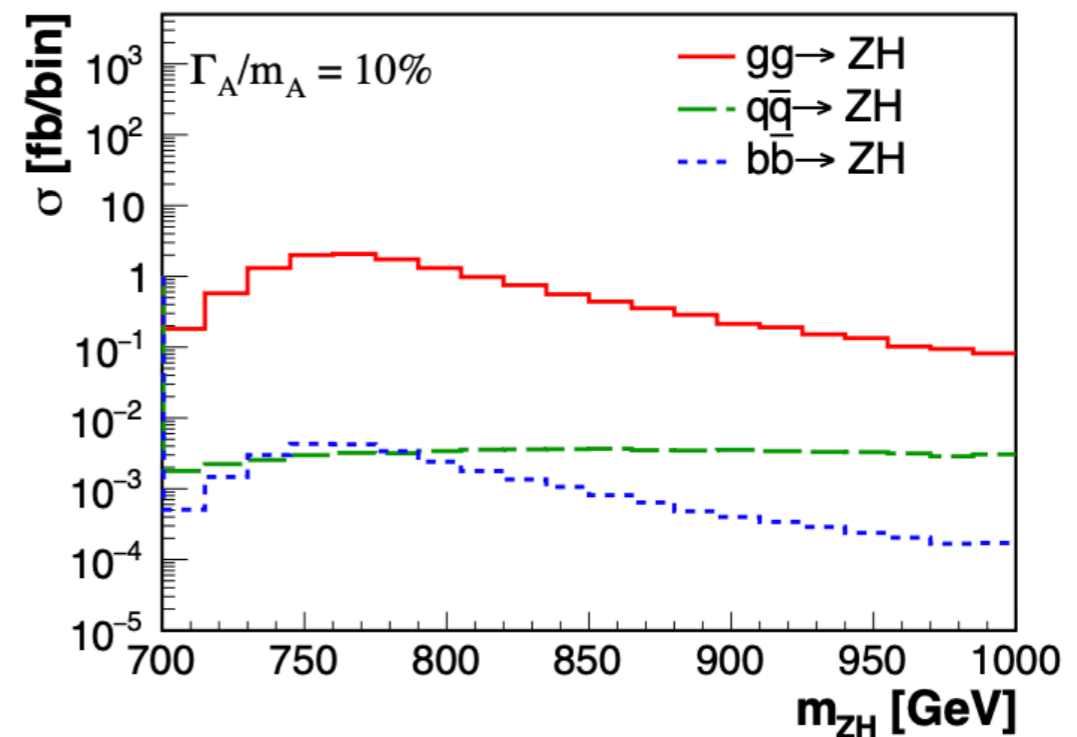
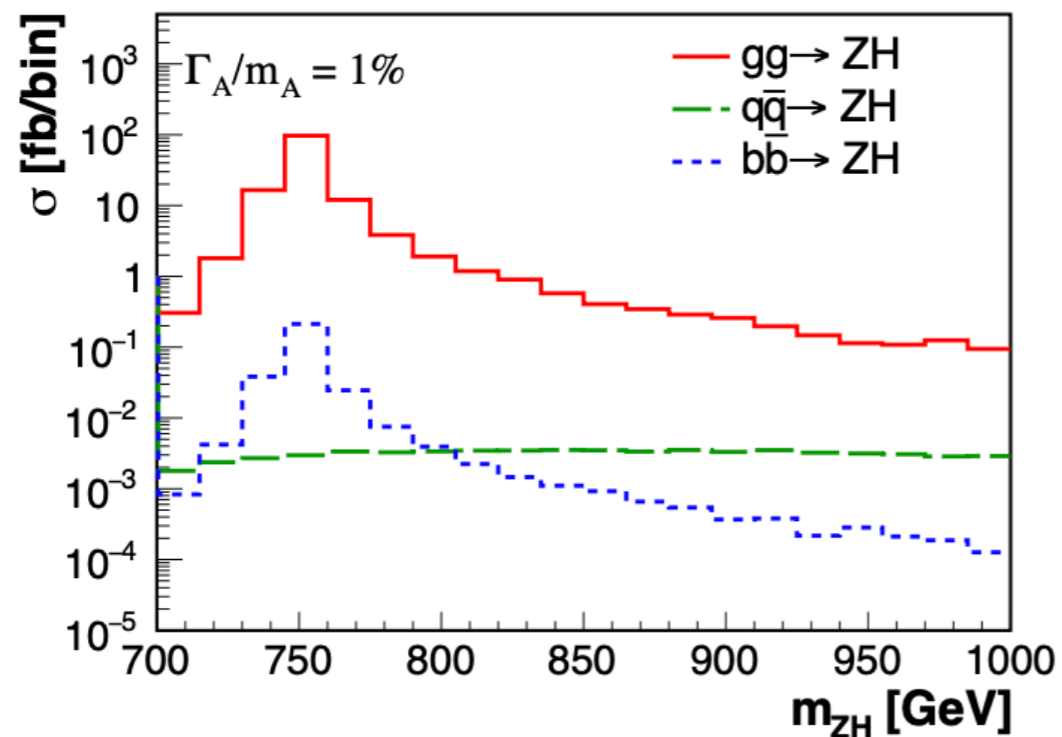
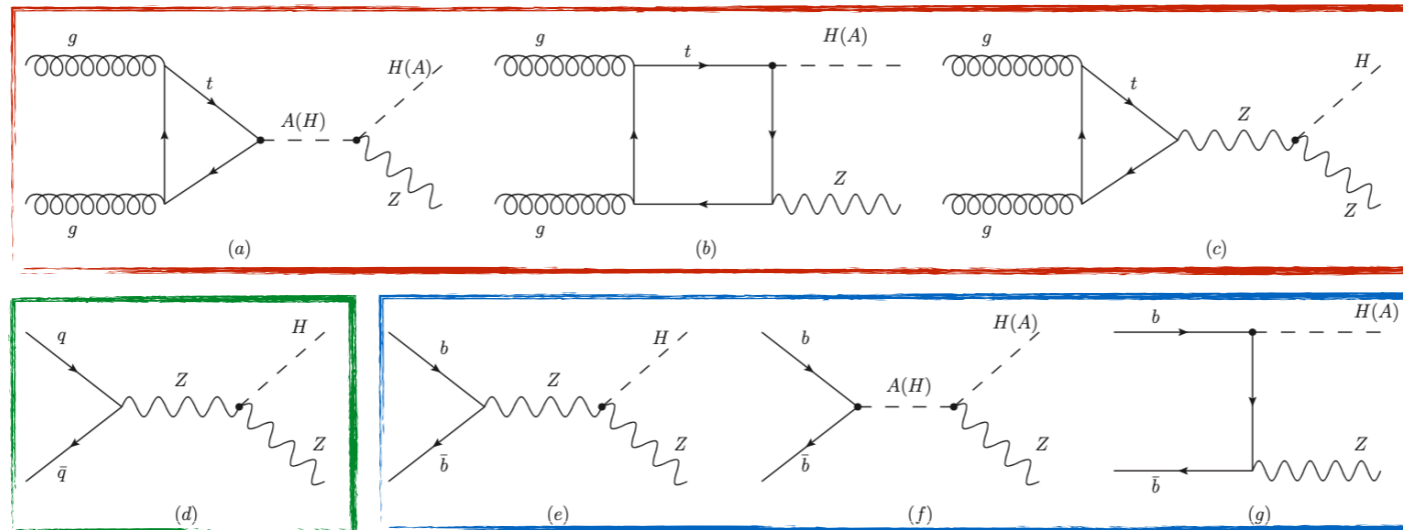
$gg \rightarrow H/A \rightarrow tt$: HL-LHC projection



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➡ $gg \rightarrow H/A \rightarrow tt$ searches can play a leading role to probe the strong first order EWPT regime
They will be specially important in the type-2 2HDM, as it presents typically heavy scalar masses

Top Pair Resonant Searches via $pp \rightarrow ZH/A$

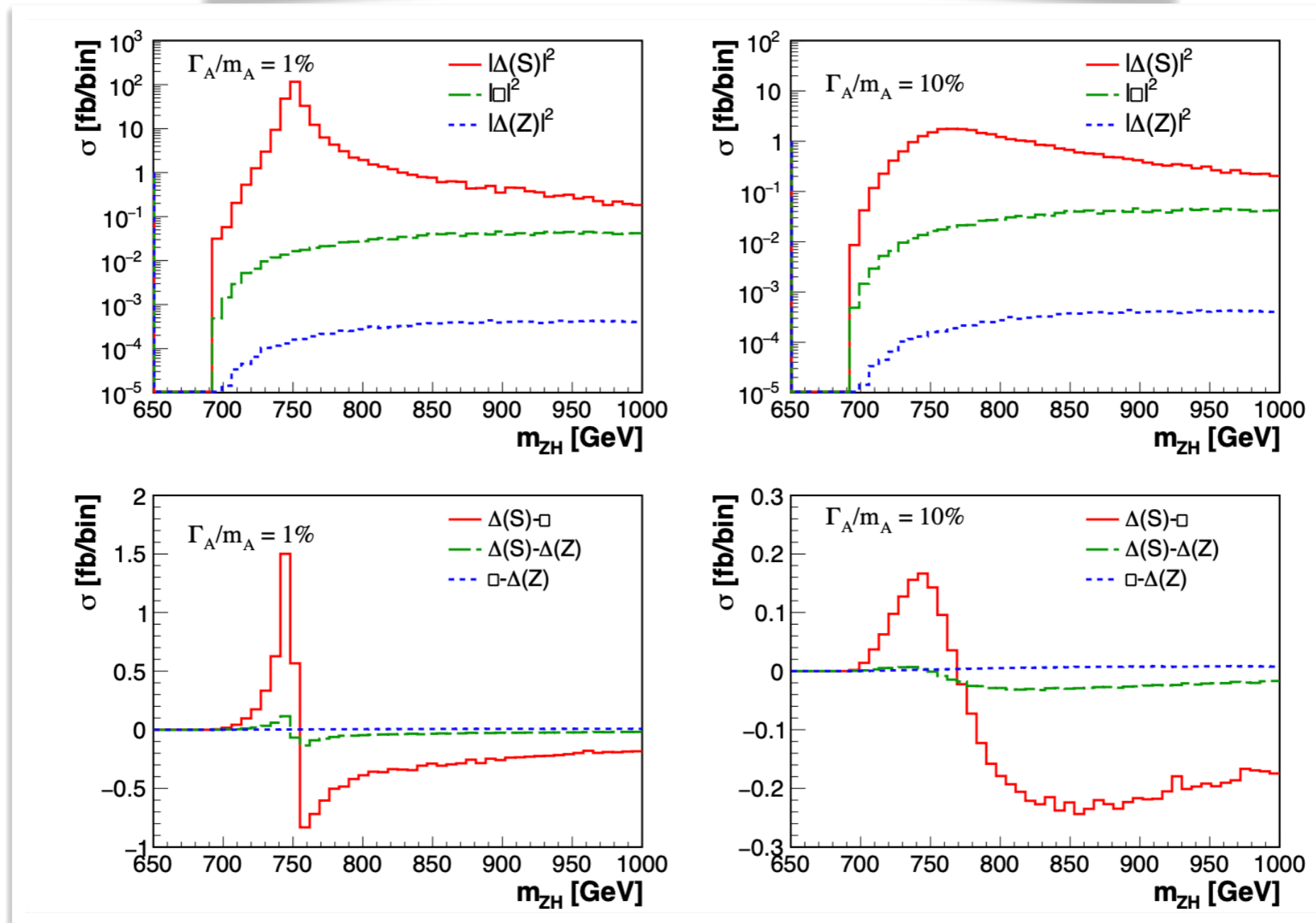


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Type-1 2HDM with $c_{\beta-\alpha} \approx 0.3$, $m_H = 600$ GeV, $m_A = 750$ GeV, and $t_\beta = 1$

CMS-PAS-B2G-23-006, see talk by Hyunyong Kim

Gluon fusion $gg \rightarrow ZH/A$



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Type-1 2HDM with $c_{\beta-\alpha} \approx 0.1$, $m_H = 600$ GeV, $m_A = 750$ GeV, and $t_\beta = 1$

Interference between signal and ttZ background generates subleading effects for allowed 2HDM parameter space

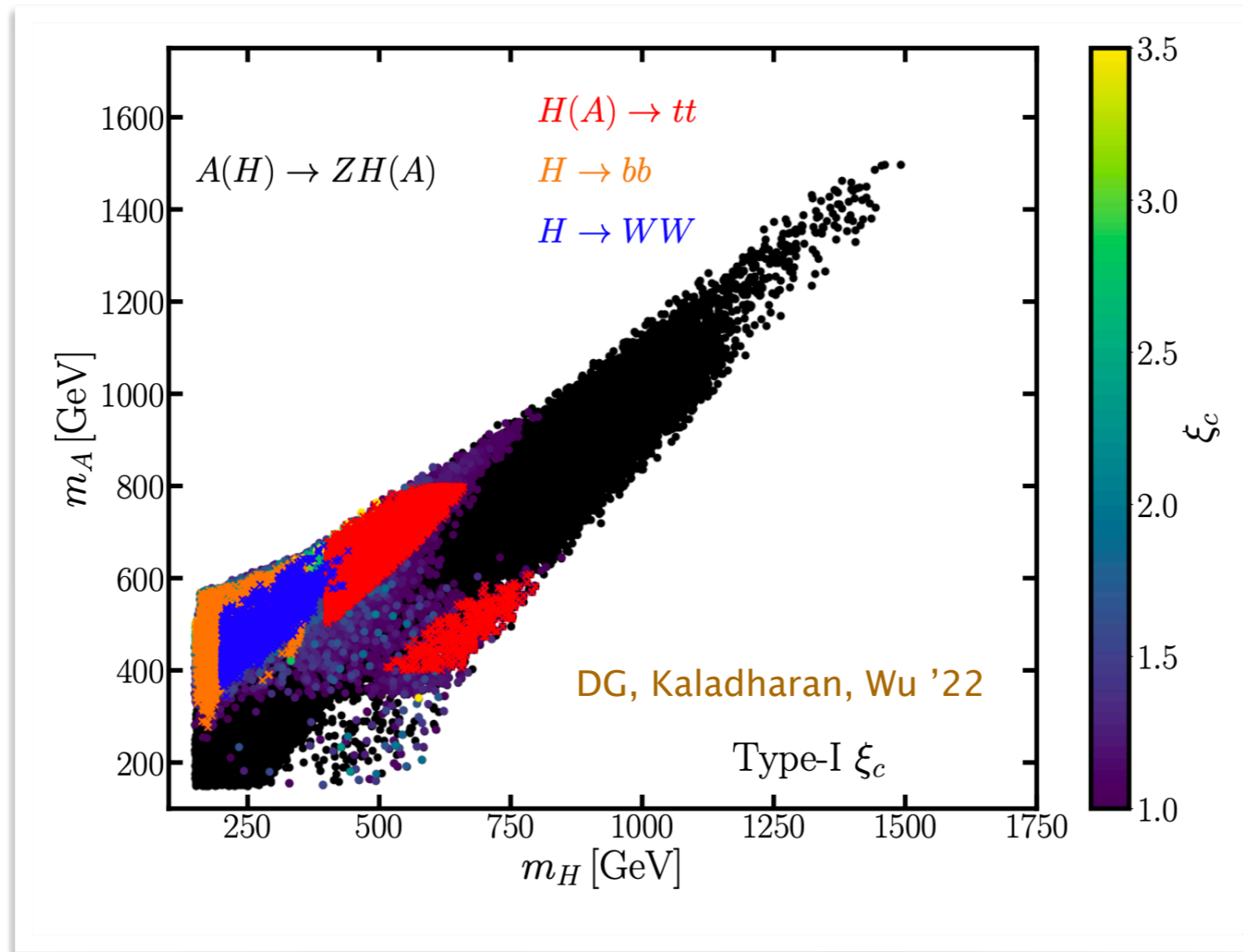
Top Pair Resonant Searches via $pp \rightarrow ZH/A$

$pp \rightarrow ZH/A$ searches mostly account for $H/A \rightarrow bb$ and $H \rightarrow WW$ (sensitivity $m_{H,A} < 350$ GeV)

Above top-quark pair threshold the $H/A \rightarrow tt$ is typically dominant decay, leading to strong limits, and extending the sensitivity to strong first-order phase transition regime

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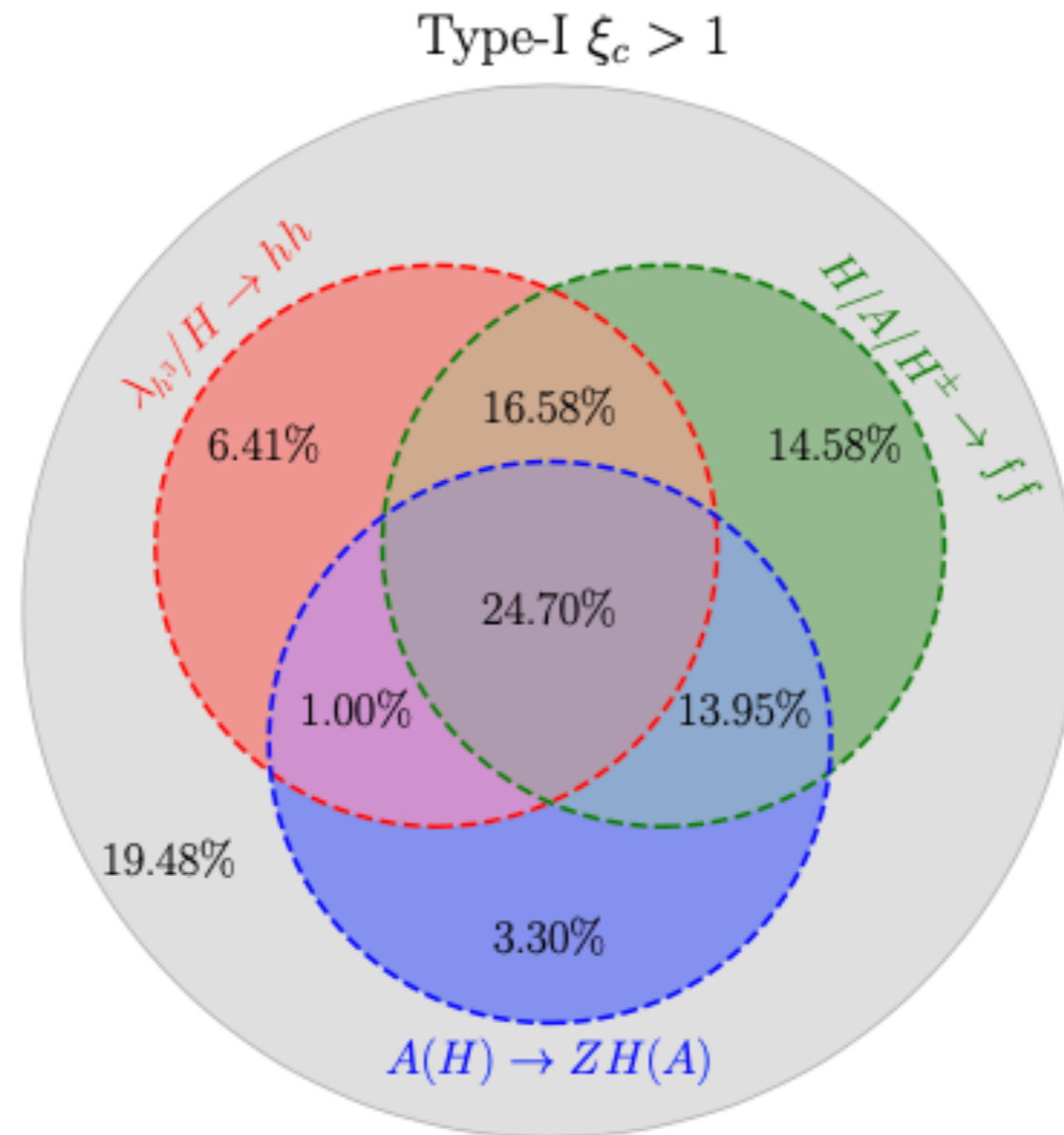
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Smoking gun signatures at the HL-LHC

Complementarity of the Higgstrahlung searches with other relevant classes of searches at the HL-LHC



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$$\cos(\beta - \alpha) \in (-0.3, 0.3),$$

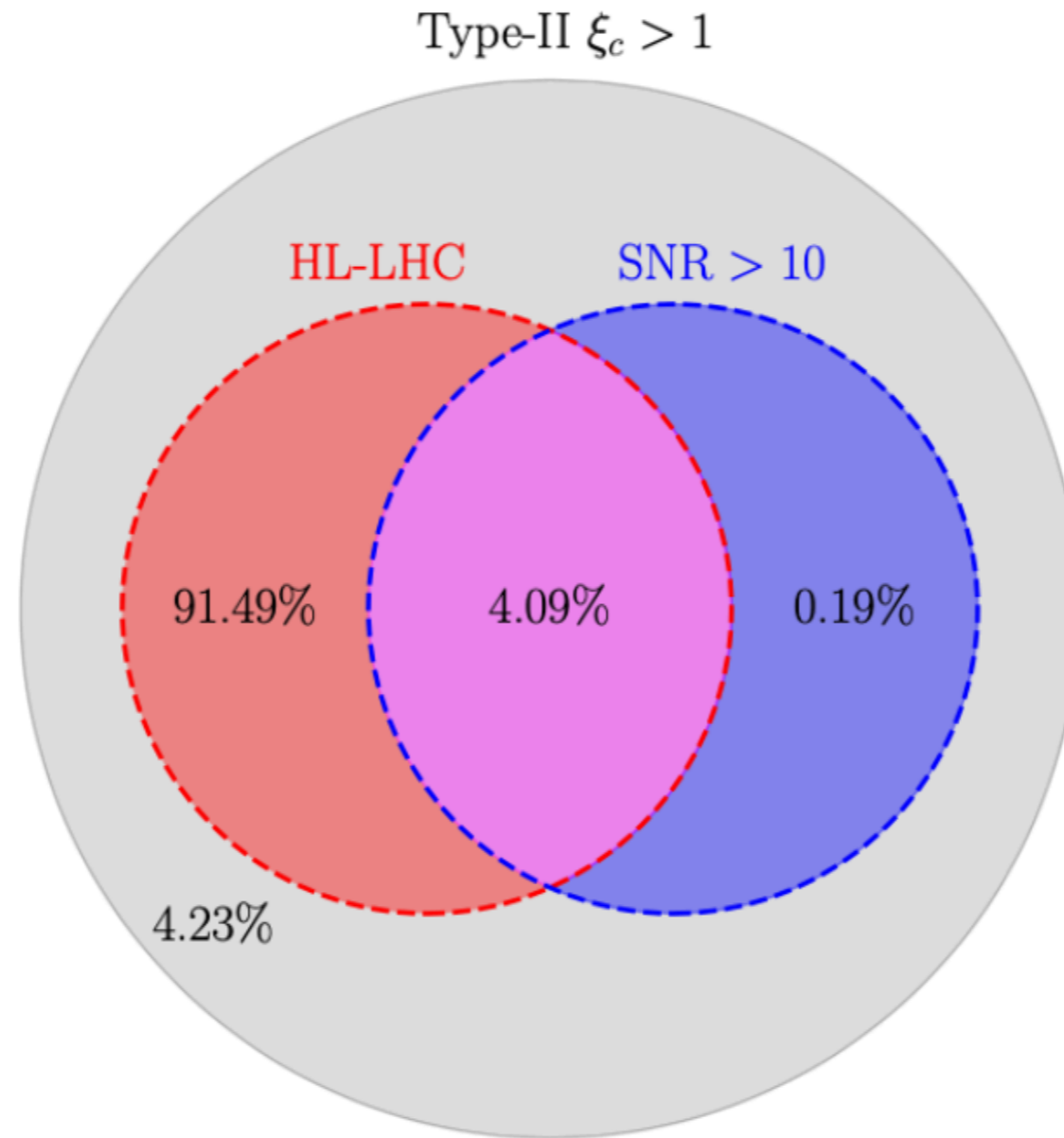
$$m_{12}^2 \in (10^{-3}, 10^5) \text{ GeV}^2,$$

$$m_A \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV},$$

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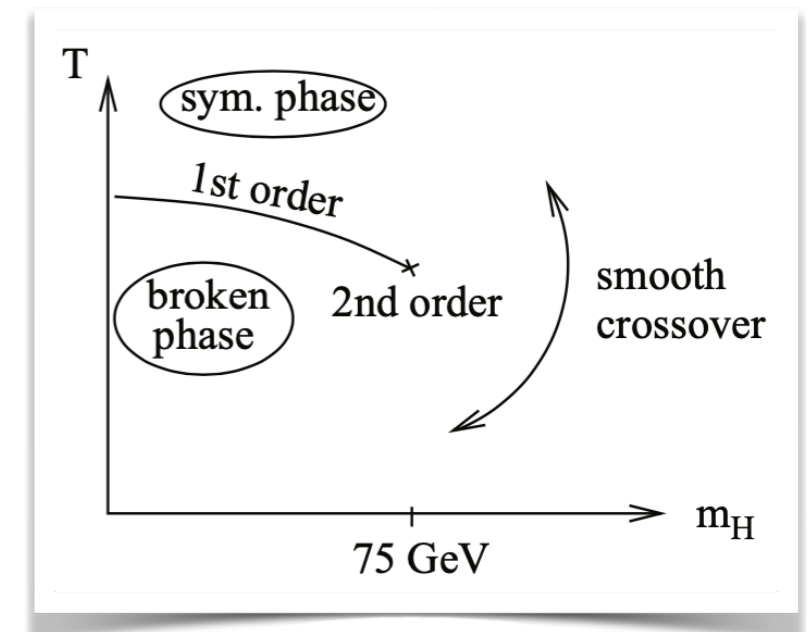
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- ➔ In contrast to HL-LHC, LISA is going to be sensitive to a significantly smaller parameter space region, whereas it renders to complementary sensitivities where correspondent LHC cross-section is suppressed
- ➔ Requirement for small scalar masses to induce vacuum upliftment play crucial role for sizable HL-LHC sensitivity

Summary

Thermal history of EWSB could have profound consequences for particle physics and cosmology

- The strength of phase transition is correlated with the upliftment of the true vacuum with respect to the symmetric one at zero temperature
- 2HDM leads to rich phase transition, favoring SFOEWPT below TeV scale
- Typically, as the order parameter increases, the resonance becomes lighter
Strong extra motivation for scalar searches at the LHC!
- Smoking gun signatures for SFOEWPT at HL-LHC:
 $H, A \rightarrow tt$; di-Higgs, and $A(H) \rightarrow ZH(A)$



Work in collaboration with



Ajay Kaladharan (OSU)



Yongcheng Wu
(Faculty Nanjing Normal University)

2HDM: Parameter Space Scan

$$\begin{array}{lll} \tan \beta \in (0.8, 25), & m_{12}^2 \in (10^{-3}, 10^5) \text{ GeV}^2, & m_H \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV}, \\ \cos(\beta - \alpha) \in (-0.3, 0.3), & m_A \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV}, & m_{H^\pm} \in (150, 1500) \text{ GeV}. \end{array}$$

 Theoretical and experimental constraints:

 Perturbative unitarity

 Boundedness from below

 Vacuum stability

 Electroweak precision constraints (S/T/U)

 Flavor constraints

 Higgs signal strengths and heavy scalar searches

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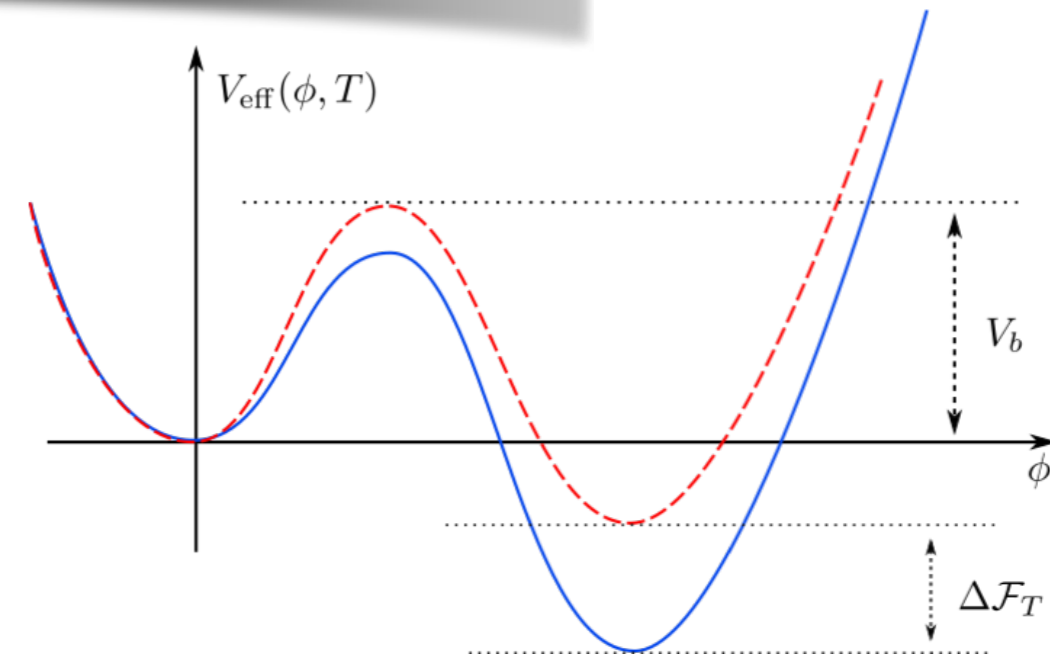
HiggsBounds & HiggsSignals

The Shape of the Higgs Potential

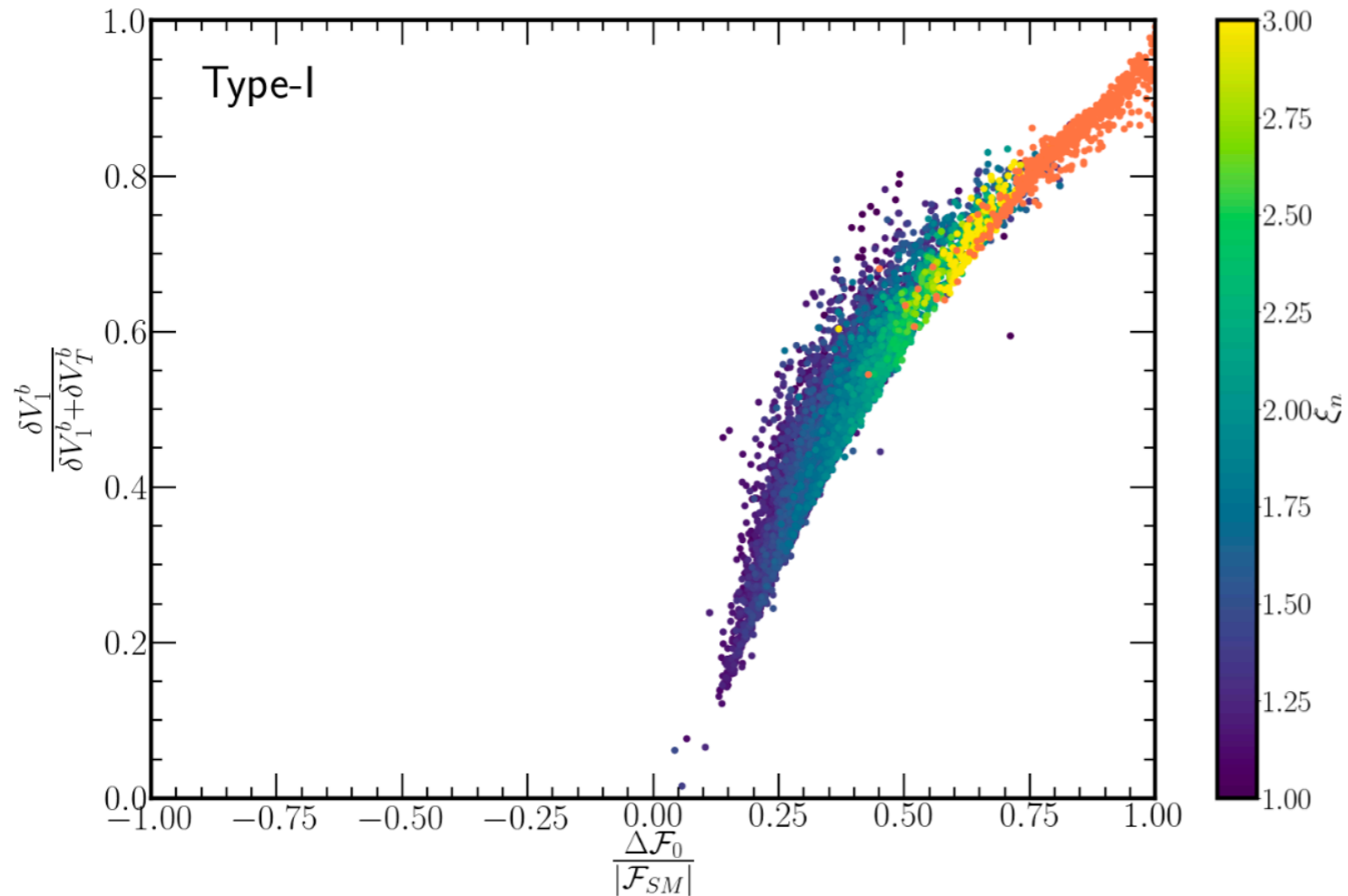
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C2HDM displays the same general profile:



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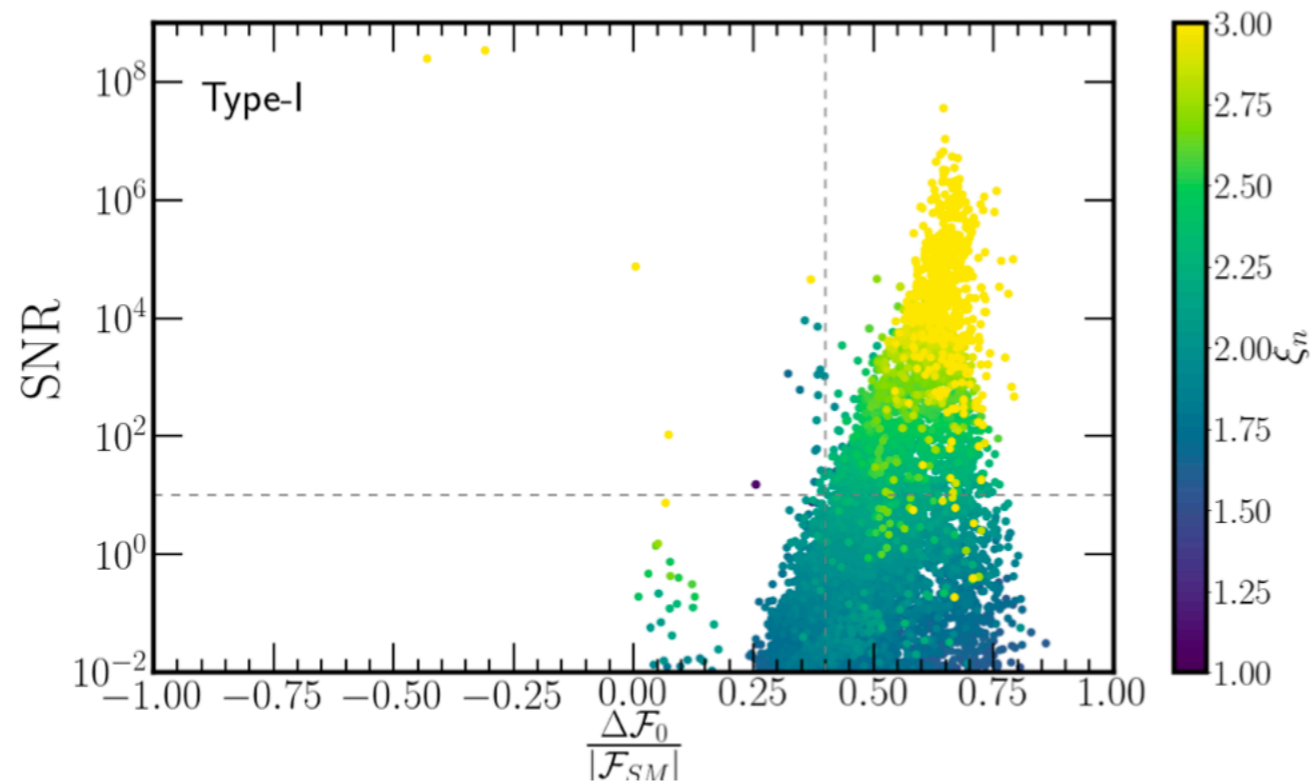


FIG. 3: SNR versus $\Delta\mathcal{F}_0/\mathcal{F}_0^{\text{SM}}$ color coded with ξ_n for the Type I parameter point with $\xi_n > 1$. The dotted line in the plot corresponds to an SNR value of 10, serving as the threshold above which LISA can probe the parameter points.

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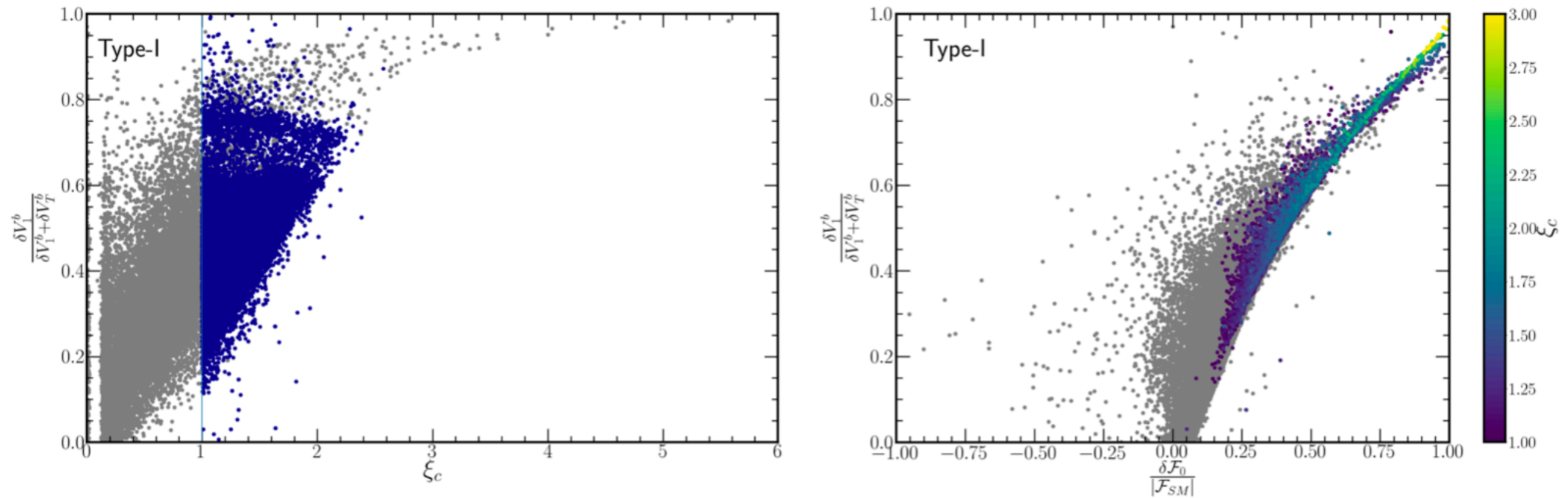


FIG. 3: Left panel: the ratio $\frac{\delta V_1^b}{\delta V_1^b + \delta V_T^b}$ for the barrier at T_c versus ξ_c . Blue denotes the points with $\xi_c > 1$ and have nucleation temperature, while gray represents points with first-order phase transition. Right panel: the ratio $\frac{\delta V_1^b}{\delta V_1^b + \delta V_T^b}$ for the barrier at T_c versus $\delta \mathcal{F}_0 / \mathcal{F}_0^{\text{SM}}$ color coded with ξ_c . Gray denotes all first-order phase transition points. We assume the type-I 2HDM, focusing on the most probable region in [Fig. 2](#), where the barrier is generated by the one-loop and thermal corrections $\delta V_1^b, \delta V_T^b > 0$.

Resonant top pair searches

Resonant top pair production is a relevant signature for many BSM frameworks:
2HDM, SM+singlet, combinations of singlet and doublet fields, extra dimensions...

Branco, Ferreira, Lavoura, Rebelo, Sher, Silva 2011; Muhlleitner, Sampaio, Santos, Wittbrodt 2017

$gg \rightarrow H/A \rightarrow tt$ channel: interesting signature with large signal/background interference

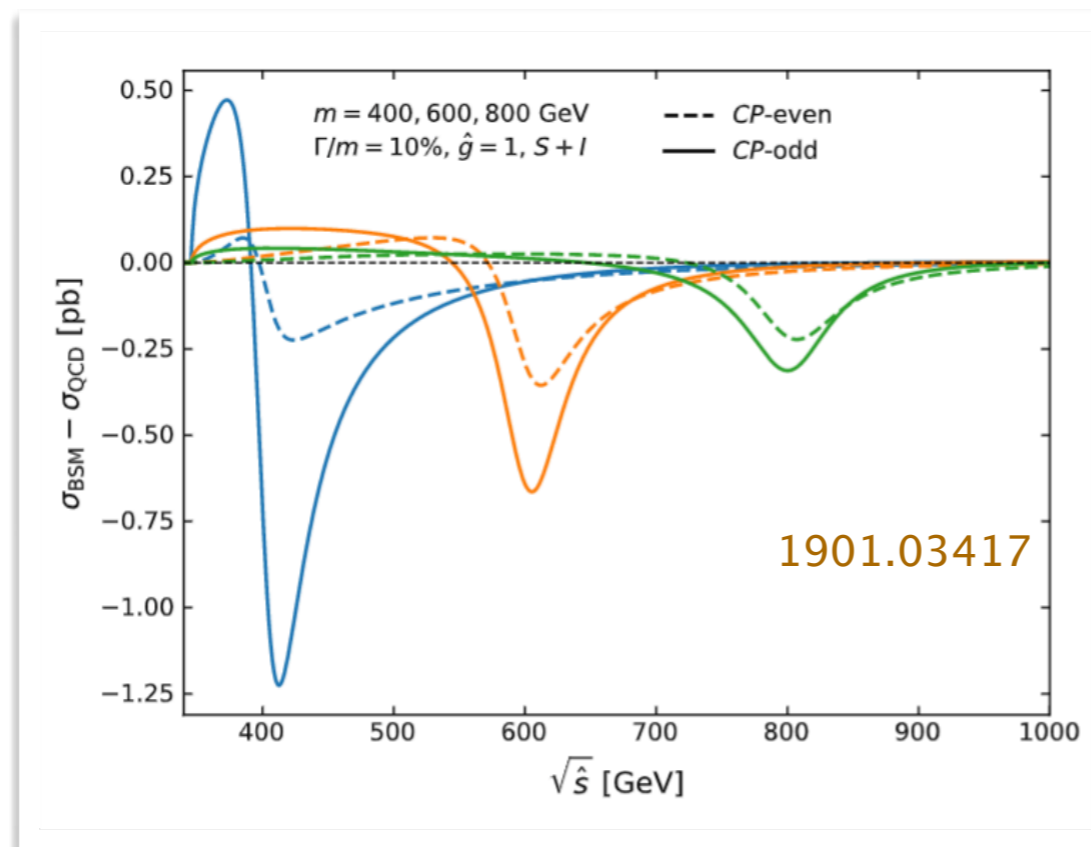
Gaemers, Hoogeveen '84

Dicus, Stange, Willenbrock '94

Frederix, Maltoni '07

ATLAS – arXiv:1804.10823

CMS – arXiv:1908.01115



Resonant top pair searches can be a window to electroweak phase transition

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