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Some Comments

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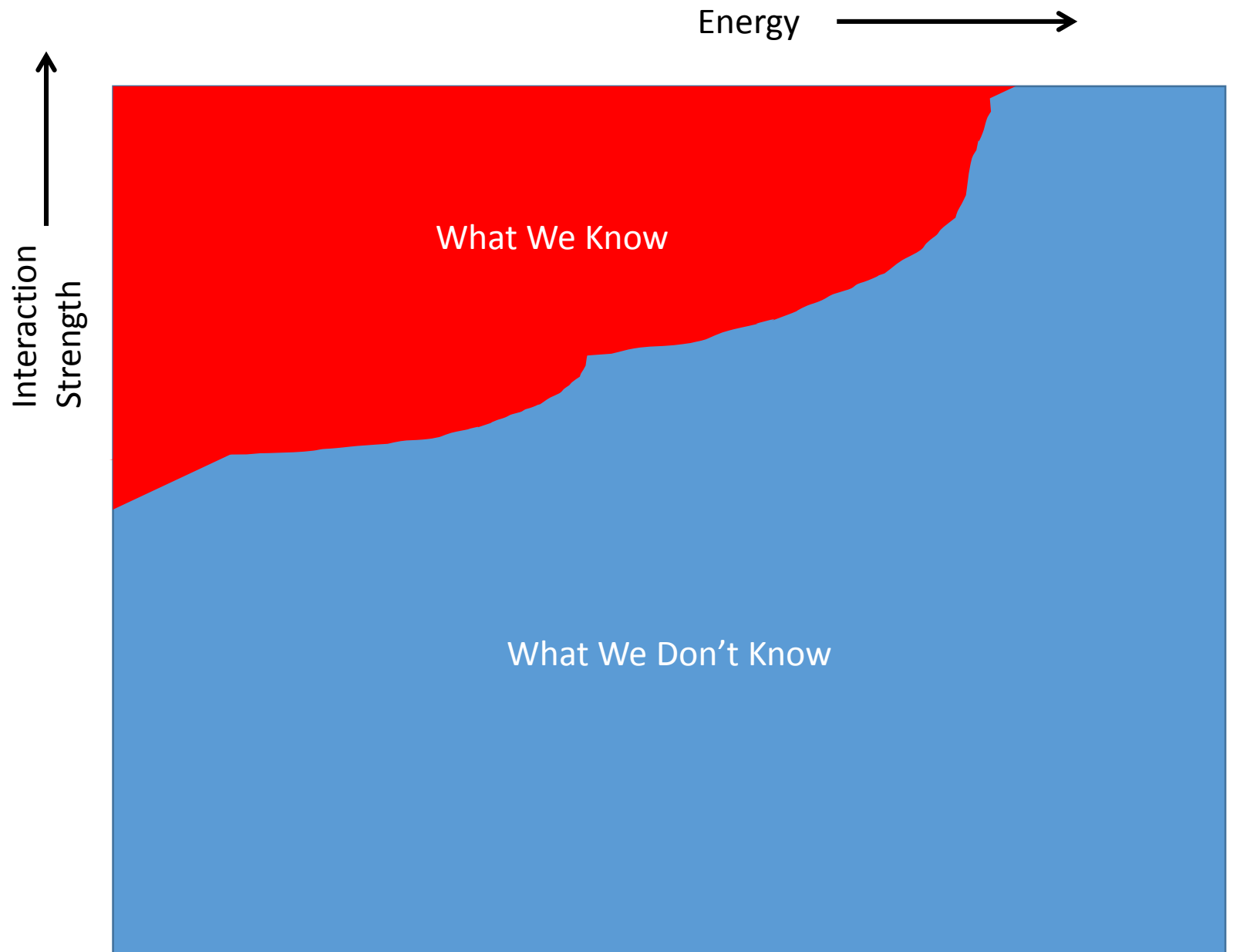
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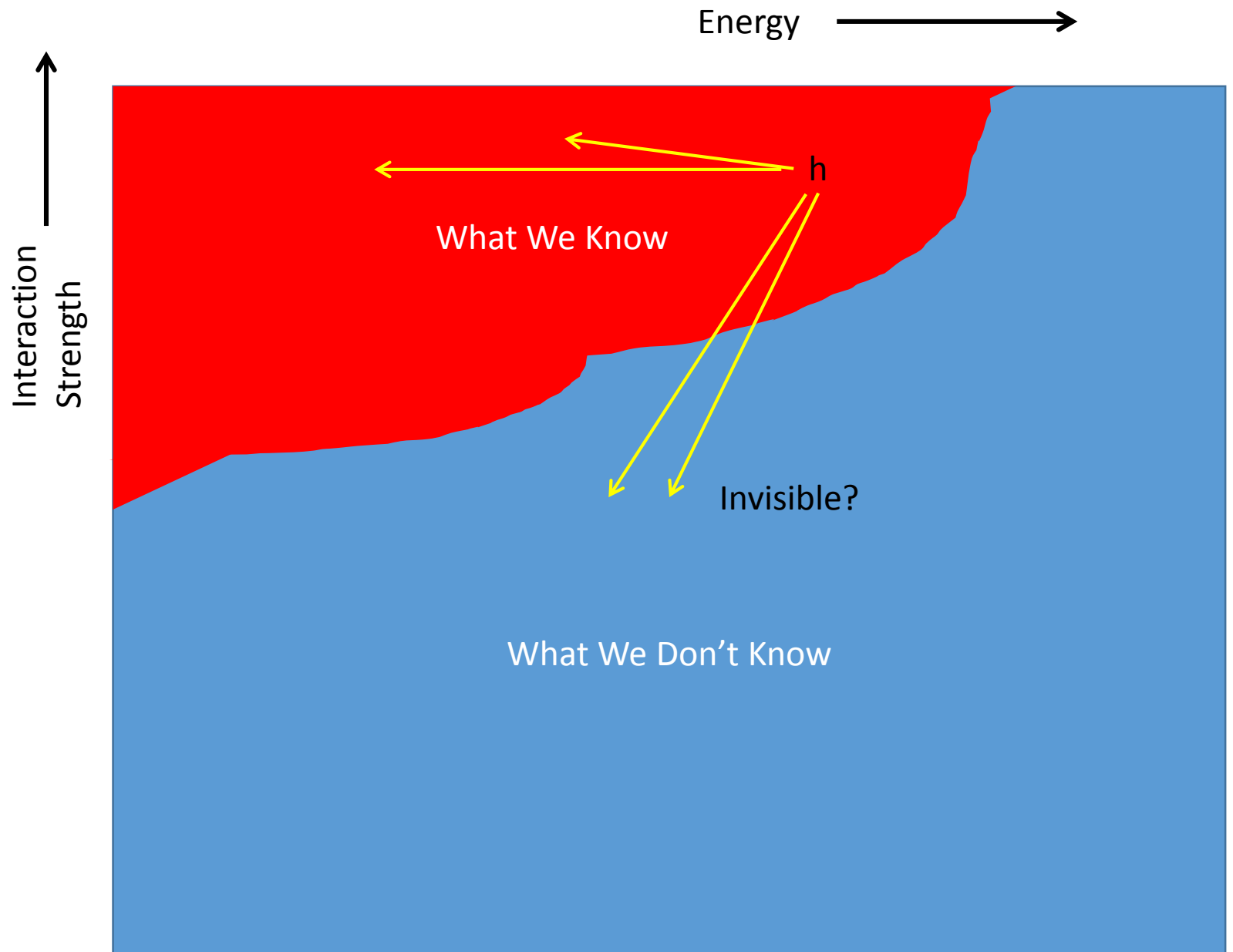
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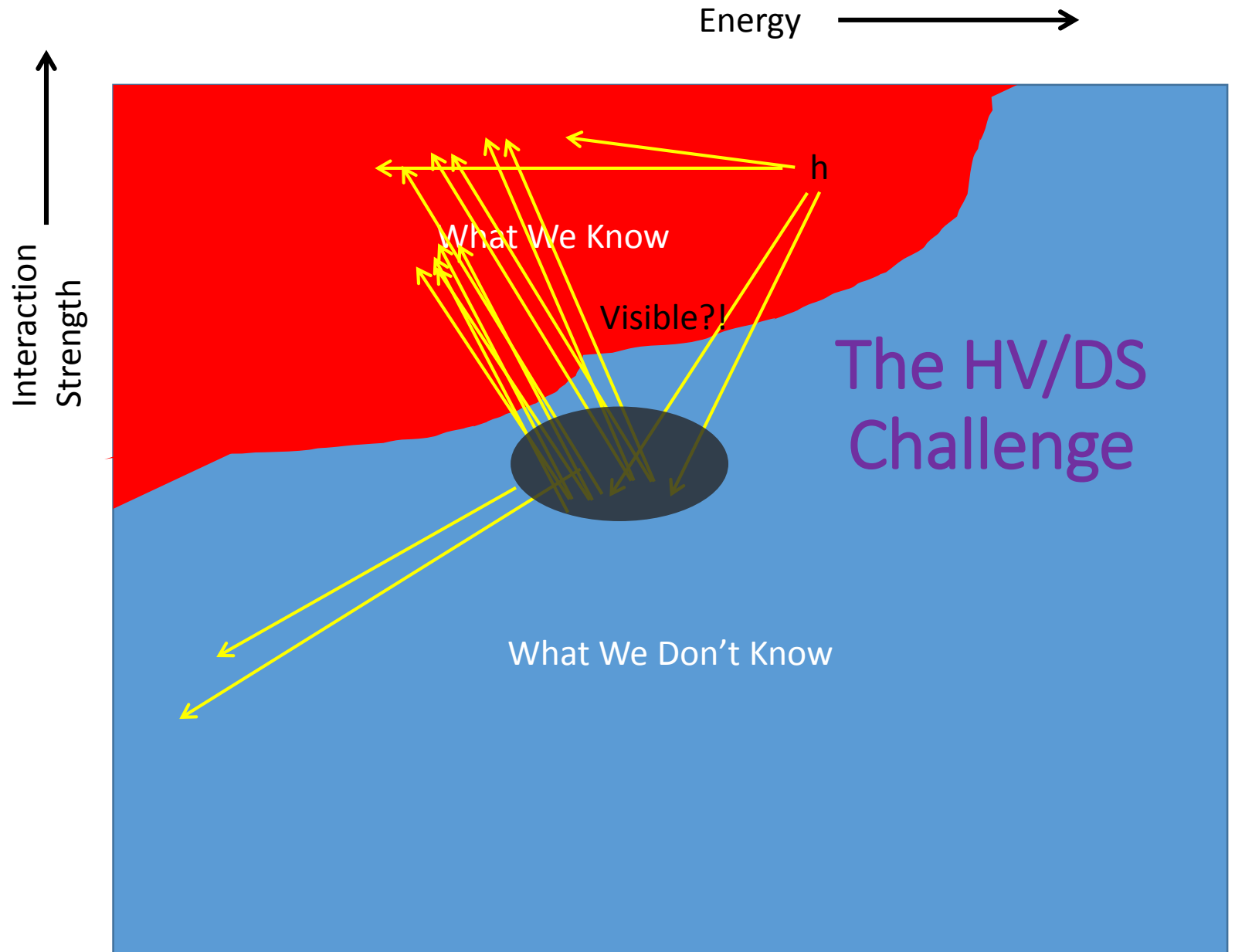
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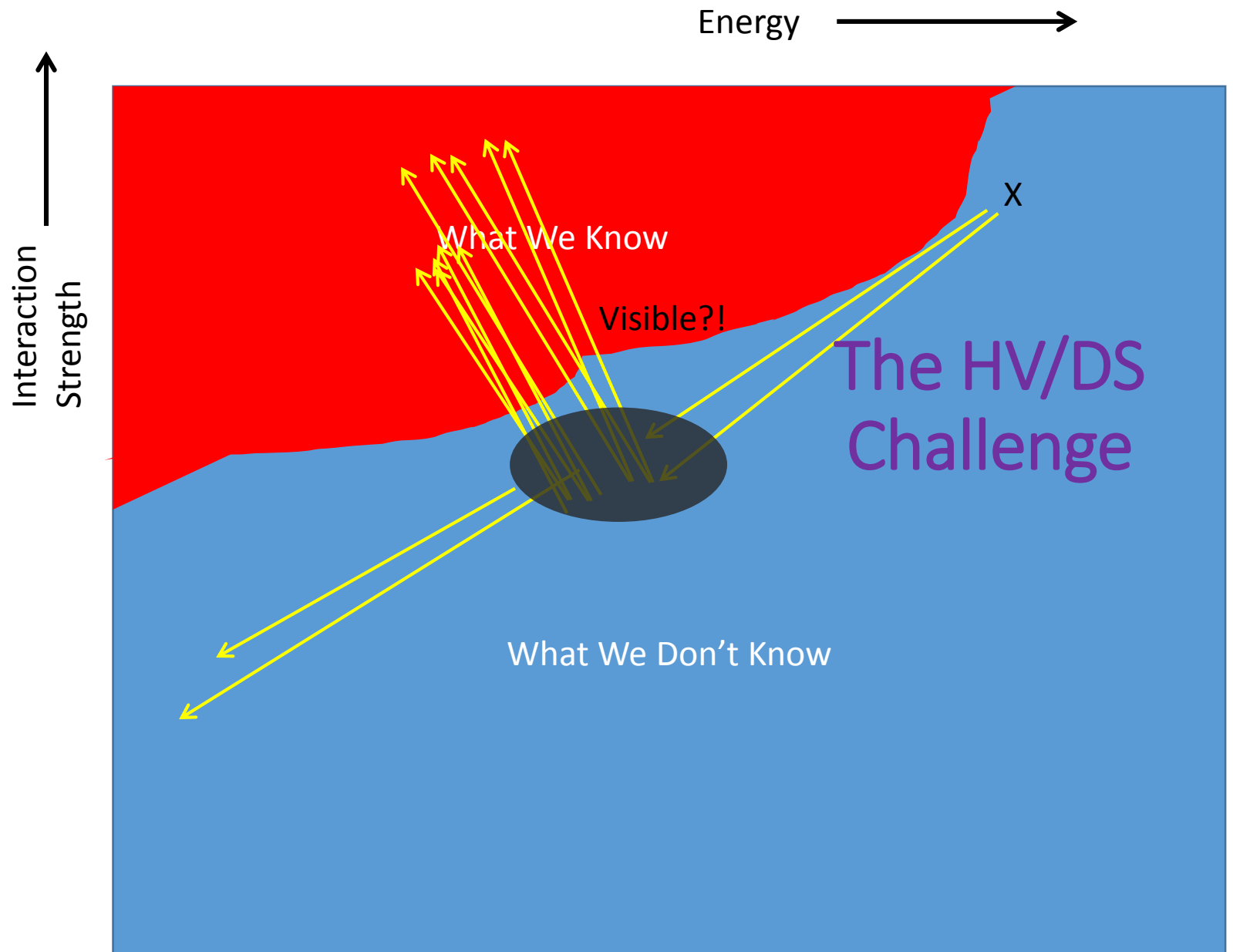
With Higgs, SM now a consistent theory; why look in the dark?

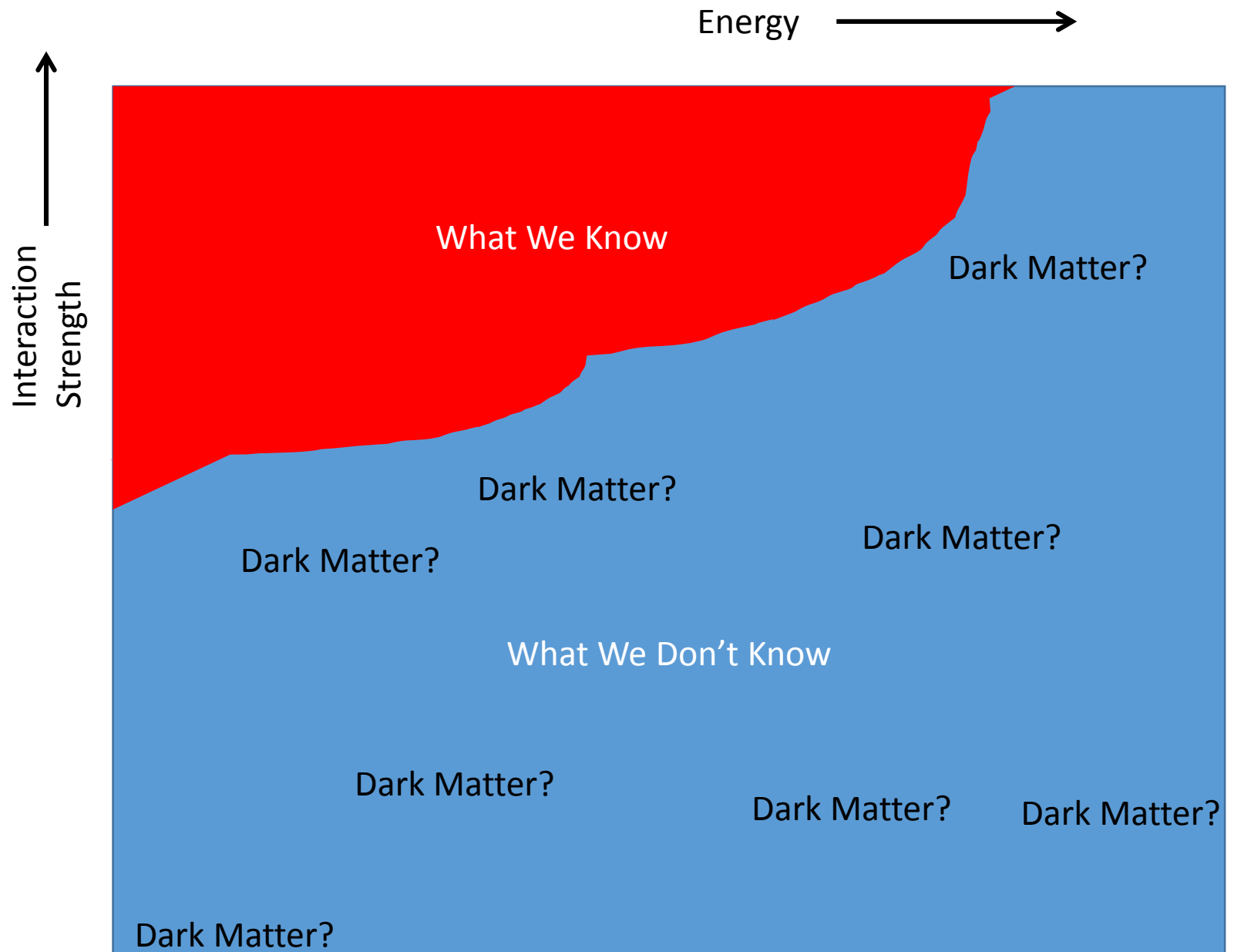
- **Dark matter**
 - [it exists; but how weakly coupled to SM?]
- **Neutrino masses**
 - [if RH neutrinos are at the TeV scale]
- **Supersymmetry breaking**
 - [if SUSY exists!]
- **Neutral naturalness**
 - [if cancellation of Higgs loops is hidden]
- **Caution:** true motivation might not yet be known to theorists!
 - Not strongly constrained by experiment
 - Let's not forget the muon, the muon neutrino, the Z boson,...
- **And thoroughness is required!**
 - Otherwise can't draw any conclusions about SM's completeness at the LHC

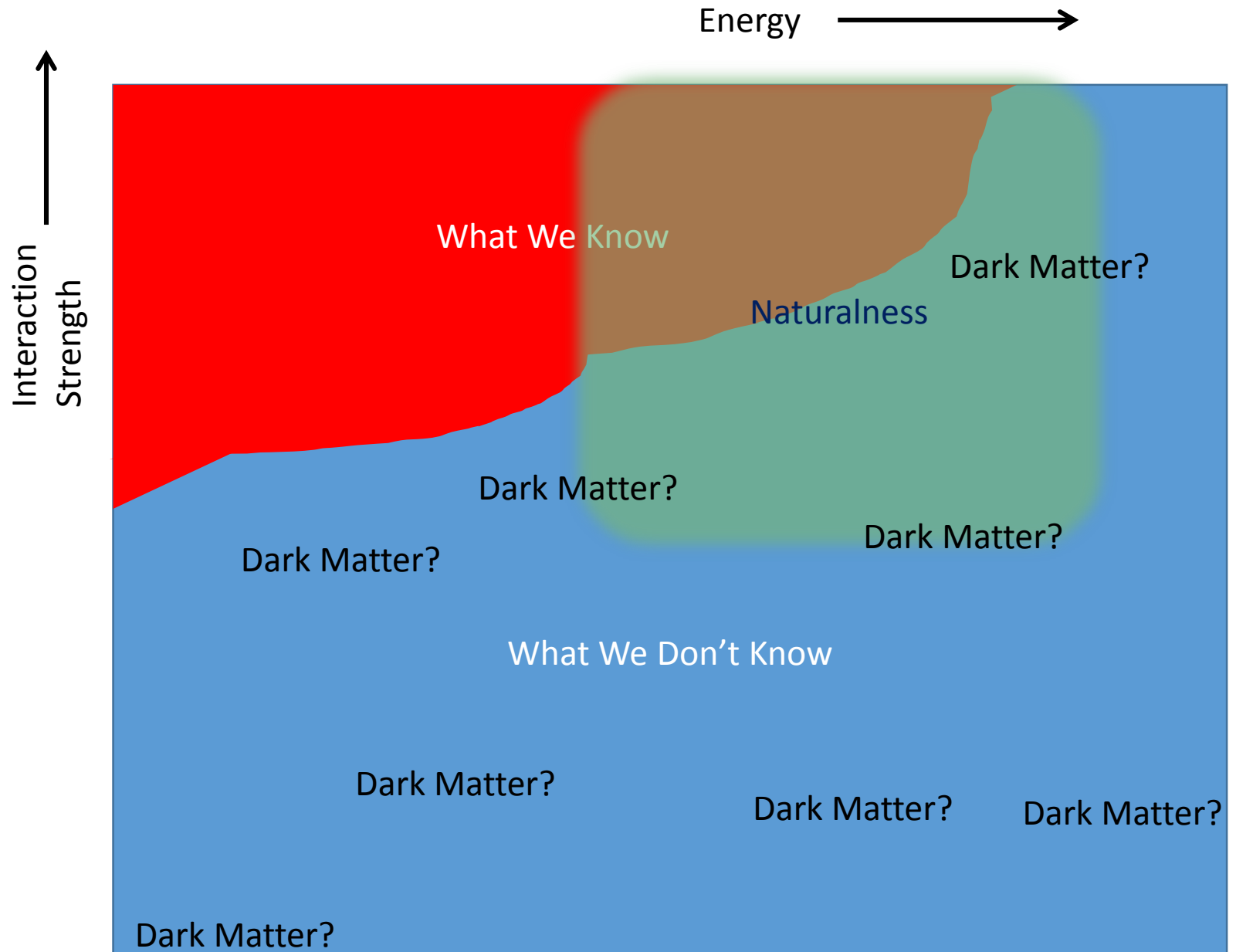










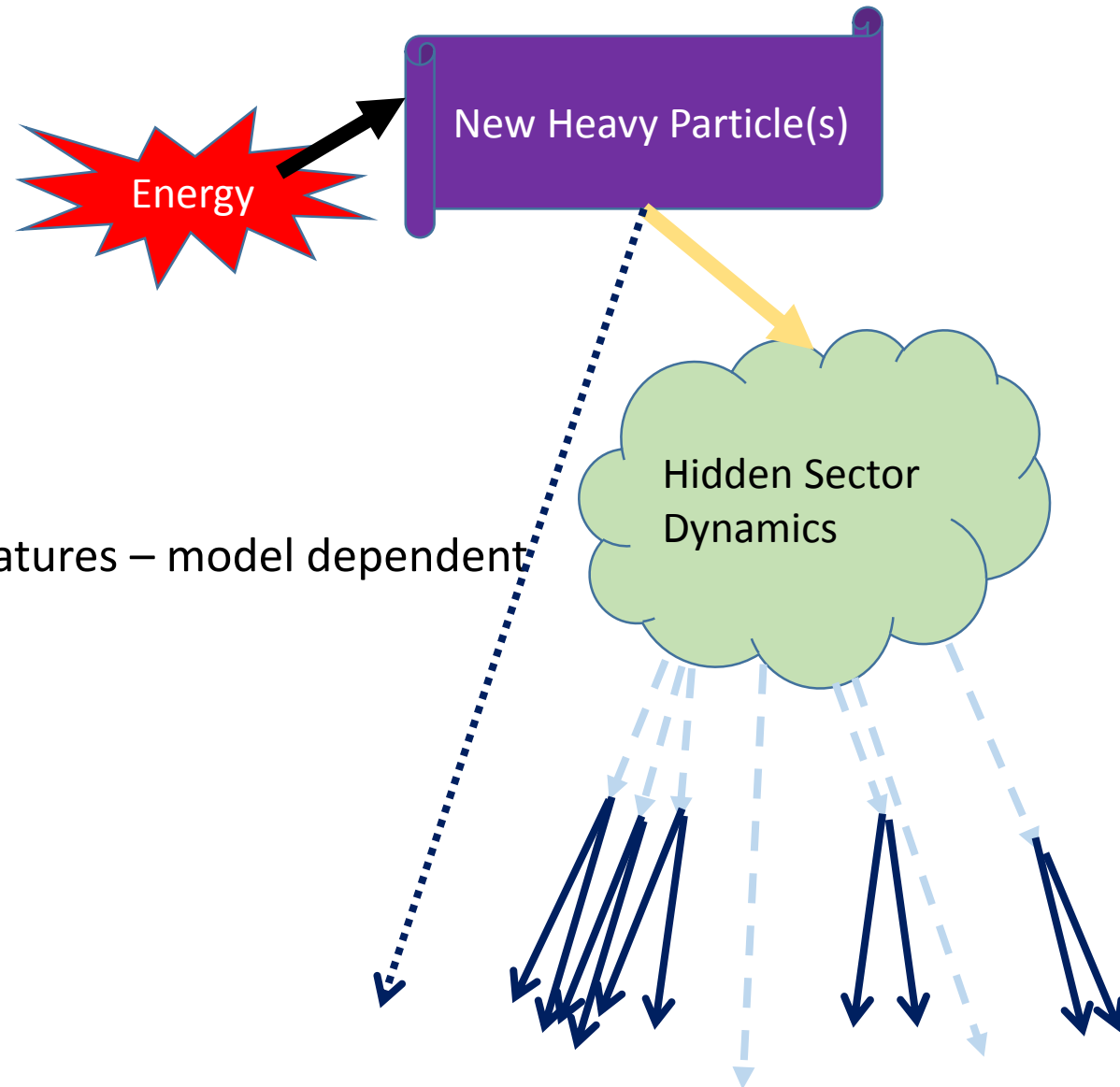


Typical of Hidden Valleys (and not of minimal models)

New neutral particles –

- Numerous
 - High diversity
 - High multiplicity
- Boosted
- Clustered
- Displaced

-- May see any/all of these signatures – model dependent



General DS/HV Phenomenology

- New particles can be lighter than LEP limits
- Their self-interactions can be strong and/or unfamiliar
- They may not be stable (or decay invisibly)
- May exhibit hidden valley pheno
 - High diversity, high multiplicity, boosting, clustering, displacement
- Rarely produced directly
 - Usually in decays of heavier particles, known (h,Z,W,t) or unknown

The Scary Truth

- **Huge range of search strategies needed**
 - Given the personnel situation, we must be both efficient and lucky

The Challenge: So Many Variables!!

- **Lifetime**
 - Prompt vs. slightly displaced vs. mildly displaced vs. highly displaced
- **Boost**
 - Collimated vs. somewhat collimated vs. not collimated
- **Multiplicity/Clustering**
 - Single vs. multiple isolated vs. multiple clustered
- **Mass scale**
 - <1 GeV vs. 1-10 GeV vs. higher mass
- **Final State**
 - Hadronic vs. photonic vs. taus vs. leptonic
 - Visible vs. partly visible
- **Triggering**
 - Higgs, Z, W decay vs. higher scale
 - Standard objects vs. non-standard objects

Example of “Easy” Cases Still Open

Dilepton bump in semi-exclusive channels

MJS + Zurek 06

- Lepton pair produced in decay of h , t , new heavy particles
 - Will be drowned in DY background in inclusive search
 - May stand out if cut made on
 - p_T of dilepton pair
 - $m(\text{dilepton})/S_T$ [$S_T = m_{\text{eff}}$]
 - MET
 - n_{jets}
 - Better: bin the full DY data in these largely-independent variables

Four-lepton opportunity too!

Search is easy BUT must work out optimal way to bin the data

Do the same for diphotons

Some Easy Cases Closed Run 1

- $H \rightarrow Z Z'$ or $Z' Z' \rightarrow$ four leptons
- $H \rightarrow$ four photons
- Inclusive displaced dilepton pairs
- ...

Prioritizing More Challenging Cases

Non-SM Higgs decays: **Very High Priority**

- Theorists: extensive study of **prompt, low multiplicity** decays

Exotic Decays of the 125 GeV Higgs Boson

David Curtin,¹ Rouven Essig,¹ Stefania Gori,^{2,3} Prerit Jaiswal,⁴ Andrey Katz,⁵ Tao Liu,⁶ Zhen Liu,⁷ David McKeen,^{8,9} Jessie Shelton,⁵ Matthew Strassler,¹ Ze'ev Surujon,¹ Brock Tweedie,¹⁰ and Yi-Ming Zhong^{1,*}

- Some searches complete at ATLAS
 - All-visible with leptons, photons
 - Partly-visible more subtle
- Much more to do on search strategies, triggering, prioritizing

Will leave this for discussion...

Prioritizing More Challenging Cases

SUSY:

- If gluino heavy, rates are not spectacularly high
- RPV, Stealth and HV cases all need more work
 - All have reduced or zero MET
 - Can give LLPs, all-hadronic events, clustered/boosted objects, ...
 - Triggering issues?

Fermionic top-partner:

- Similarly, non-minimal top partners need more work (theory!)

Wide/heavy Z' , RS graviton,...

- Rare spectacular events, can they be missed?

Dark matter: (in later talks)

Neutral Naturalness: General Points

If a HV/DS solves naturalness problem, the Higgs must be involved

- To remove t , W effects on H potential...
 - Something new has to couple to Higgs with moderate strength
 - If SM-neutral, almost inevitable that Higgs portal is open
- Furthermore, QCD effects on SM top Yukawa
 - Even if cutoff were 5 TeV these effects would spoil a one-loop cancellation
 - Therefore something has to be able to remove them too
 - If top partner not colored, probably need a hidden QCD-like theory
 - Higgs may then couple to hidden gluons via top partner loop

So if top partner is colorless, expect h portal, often to hidden gluons

- Observable effects?
 - DS/HV pheno depends on the spectrum, dynamics of hidden color
 - Also other light hidden particles, *e.g. light hidden quarks, dark photons, ...*

Neutral Naturalness: General Points

If Higgs portal open,

- Small effects on SM Higgs properties (tough at LHC)
- But good chance to get one or more of:
 - Non-SM Decays of 125 GeV Higgs (standard production)
 - HV/DS particles as heavy flavor resonances (or even WW/ZZ)
 - Long lifetime possible
 - Possible emission of on-shell or off-shell Higgs in HV/DS cascades
 - Production of heavier non-SM particles in Higgs sector
 - Additional source of SM resonances and HV/DS particles

Neutral Naturalness: General Points

Common: heavy particles charged under hidden color and SM forces

- Can even be the top partners (Folded SUSY!)
- These can perhaps
 - Decay to SM + HV/DS (Weiler talk)
 - Confine with light hidden quarks to form (meta)stable DS/HV hadrons
 - Confine as quirks (if no light hidden quarks exist) and emit HV/DS hadrons

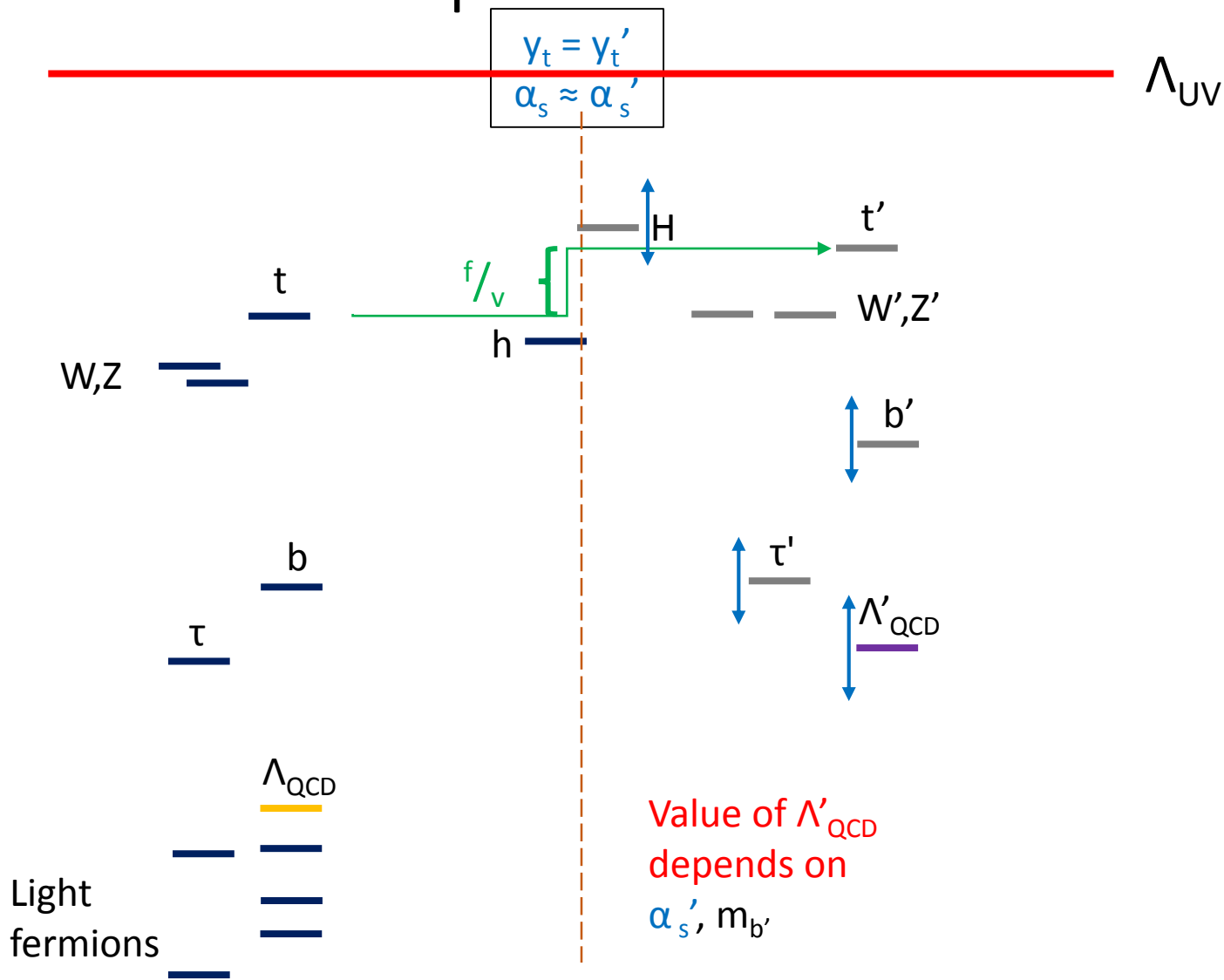
Some words about quirks later...

Existence proofs of Neutral Naturalness:

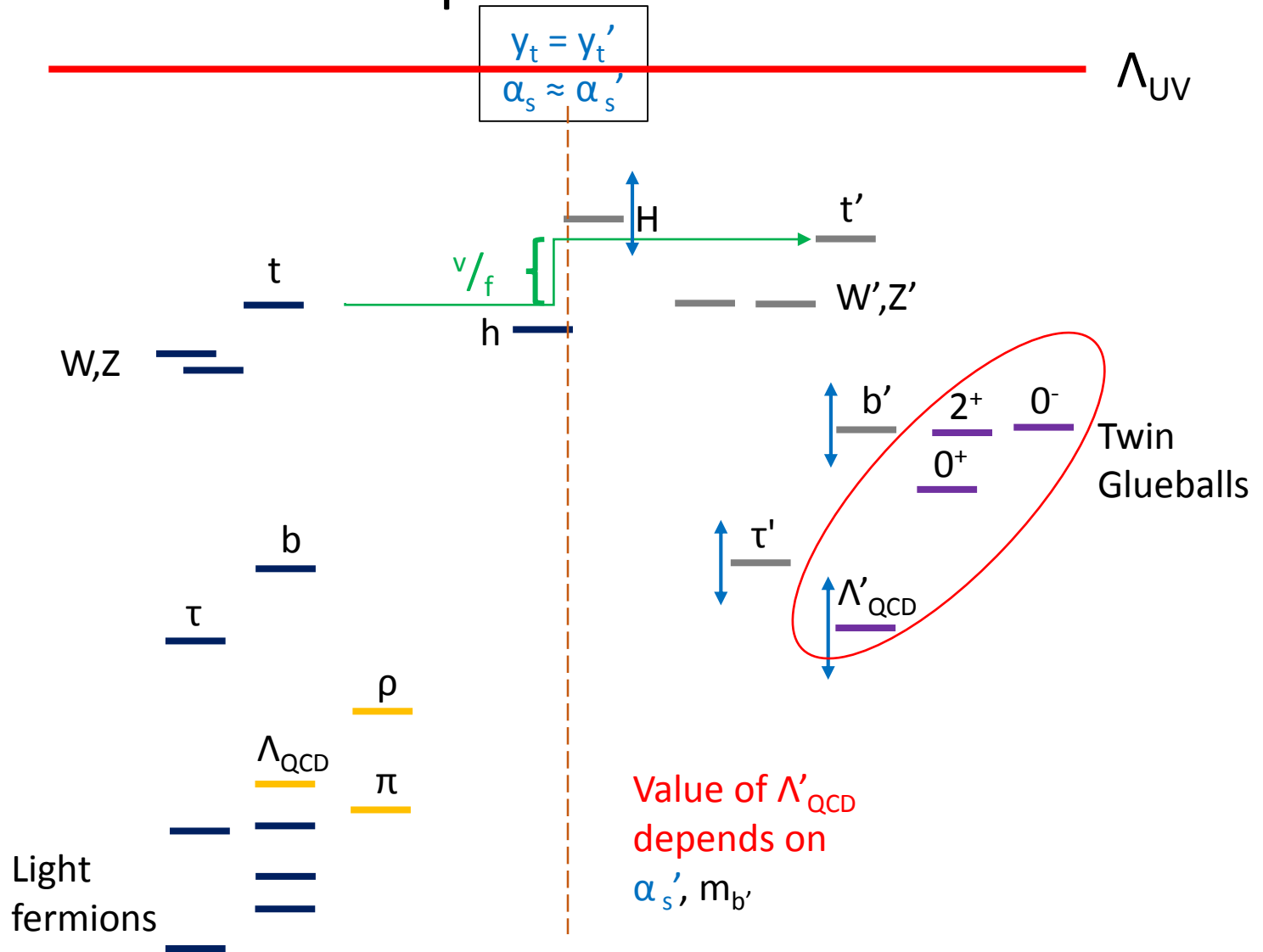
- Twin Higgs and variations [hep-ph/0506256](#) Chacko, Goh & Harnik
 - Example: the “Fraternal” Twin Higgs [arXiv:1501.05310](#) Craig, Katz, MJS & Sundrum
- Folded SUSY and variations [hep-ph/0609152](#) Burdman, Chacko, Goh & Harnik

Others?

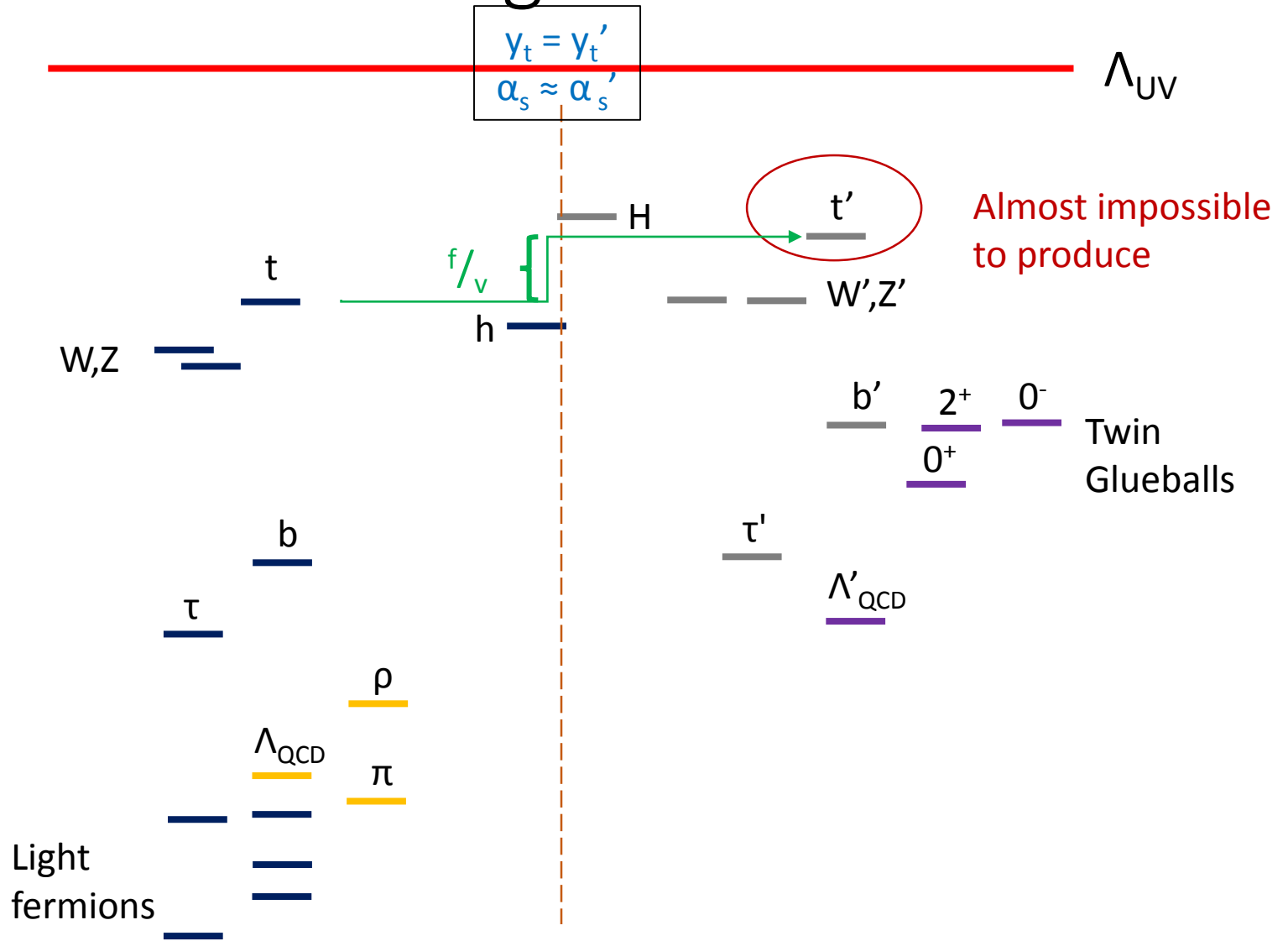
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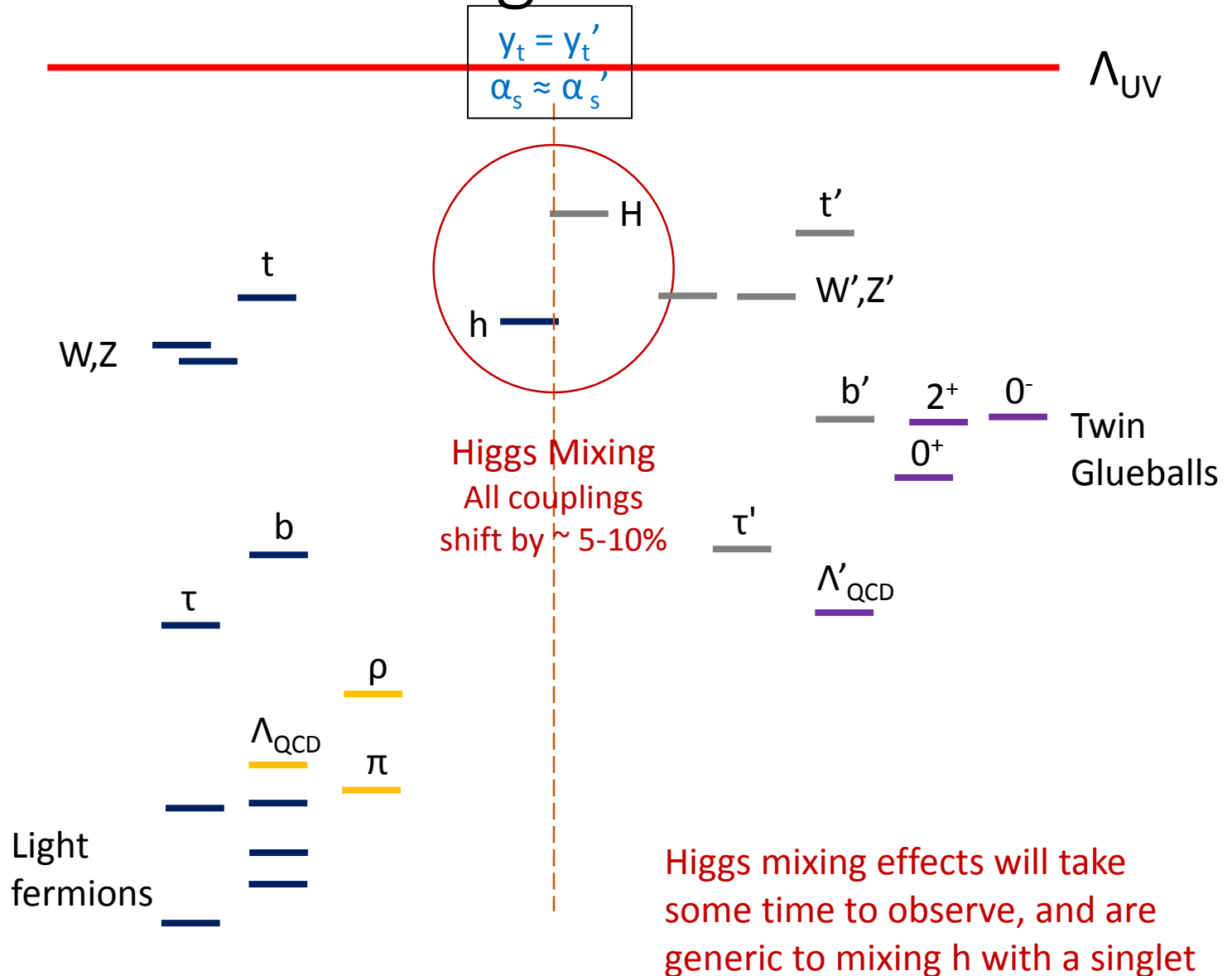
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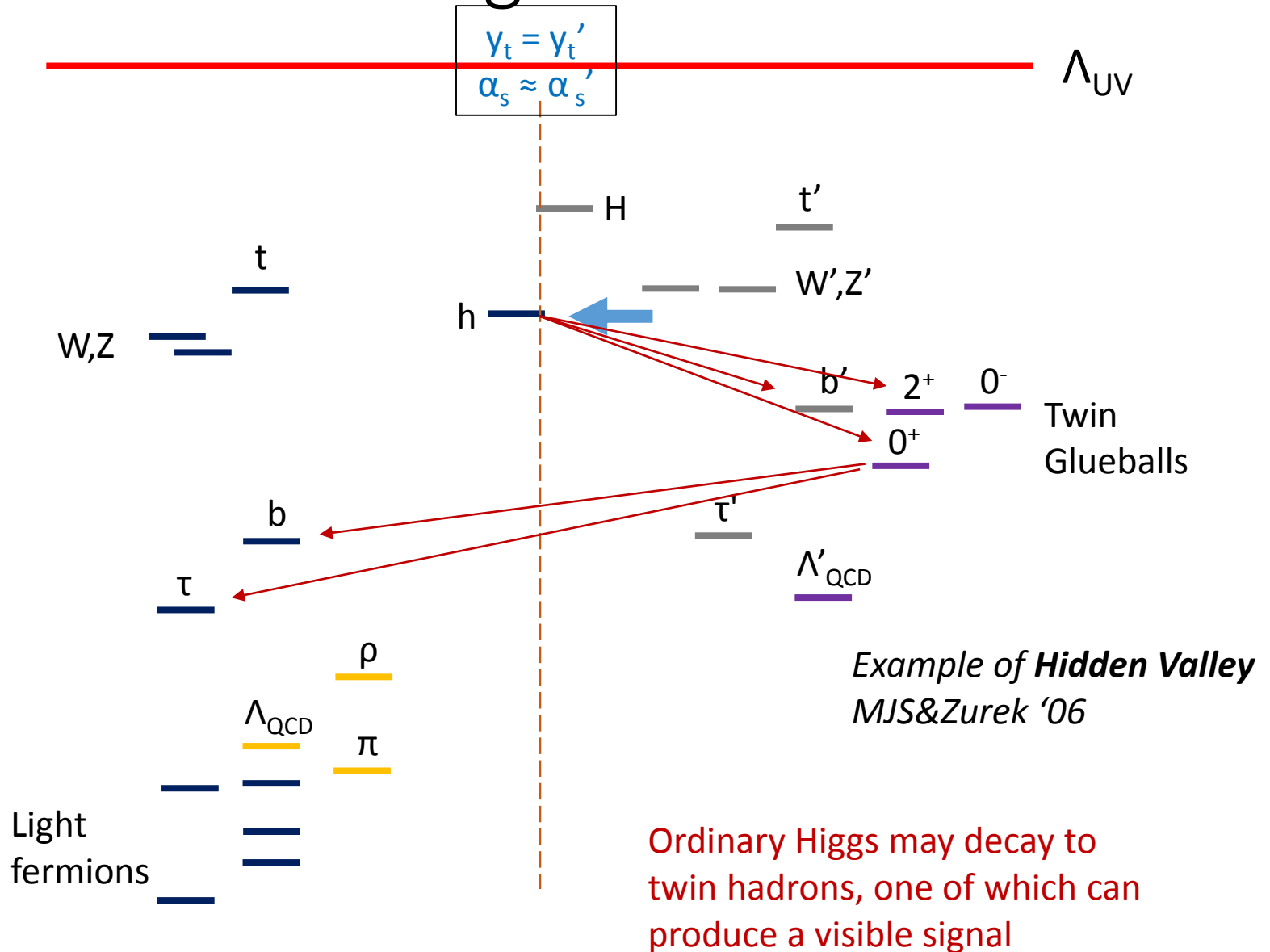
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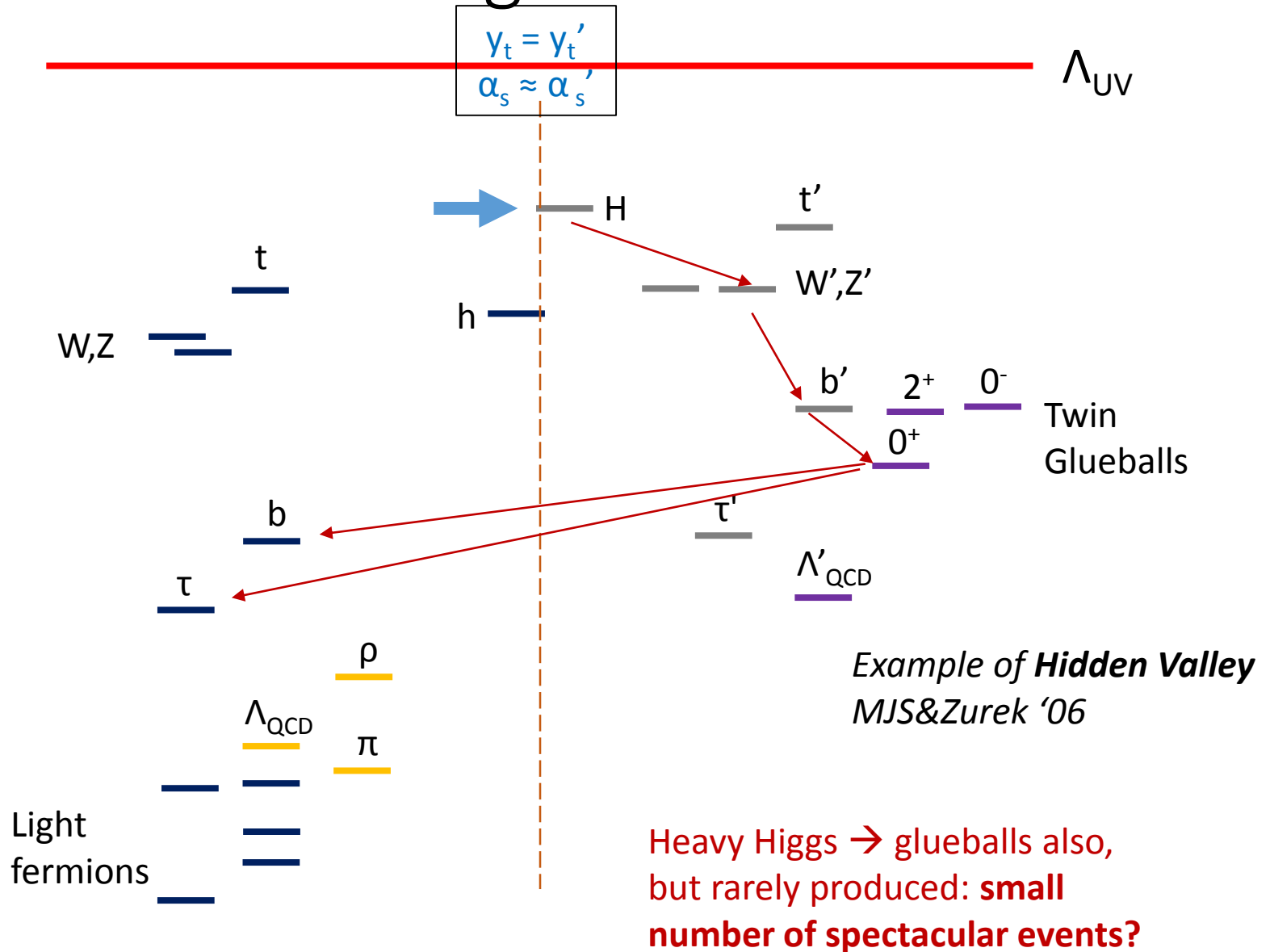
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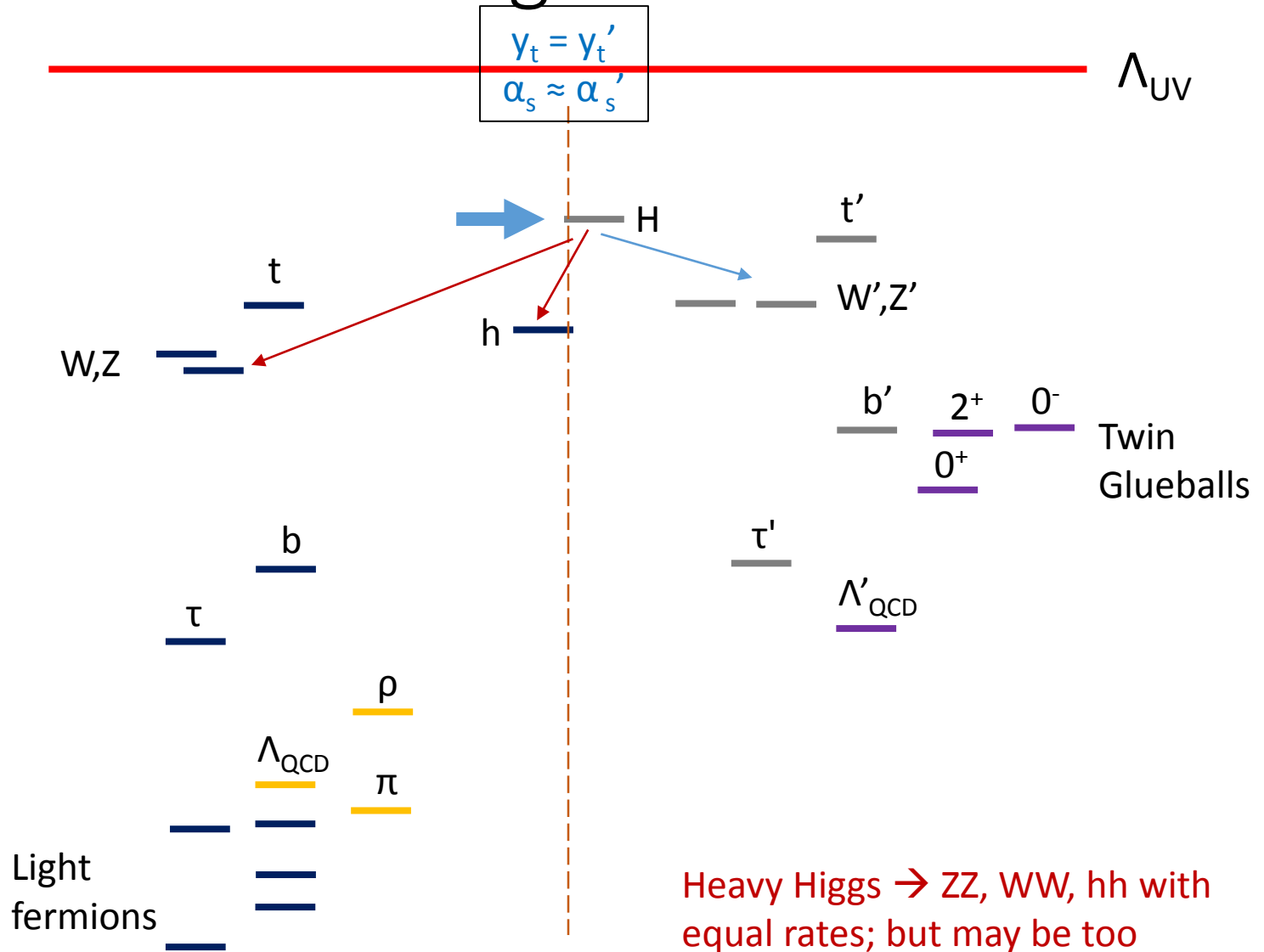
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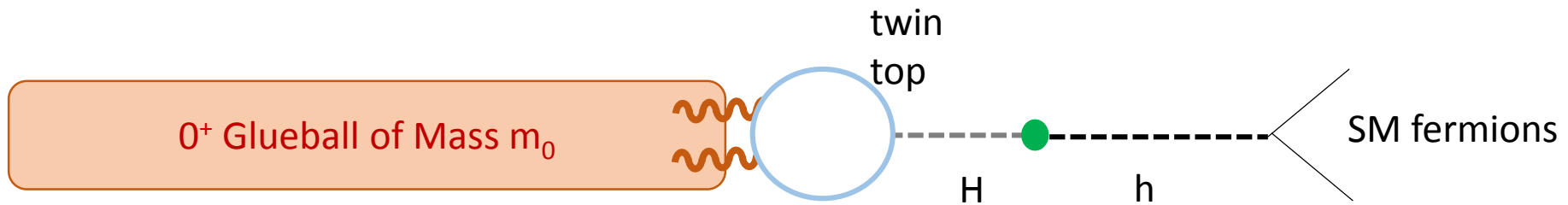


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Heavy Higgs \rightarrow ZZ, WW, hh with equal rates; but may be too heavy to discover soon

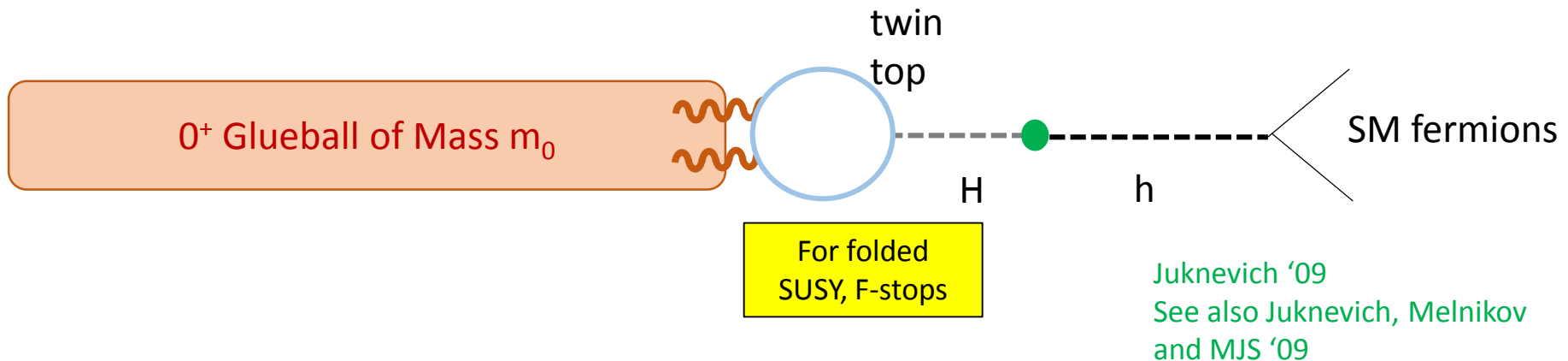
How 0^+ Twin Glueballs Decay



Juknevich '09
See also Juknevich, Melnikov
and MJS '09

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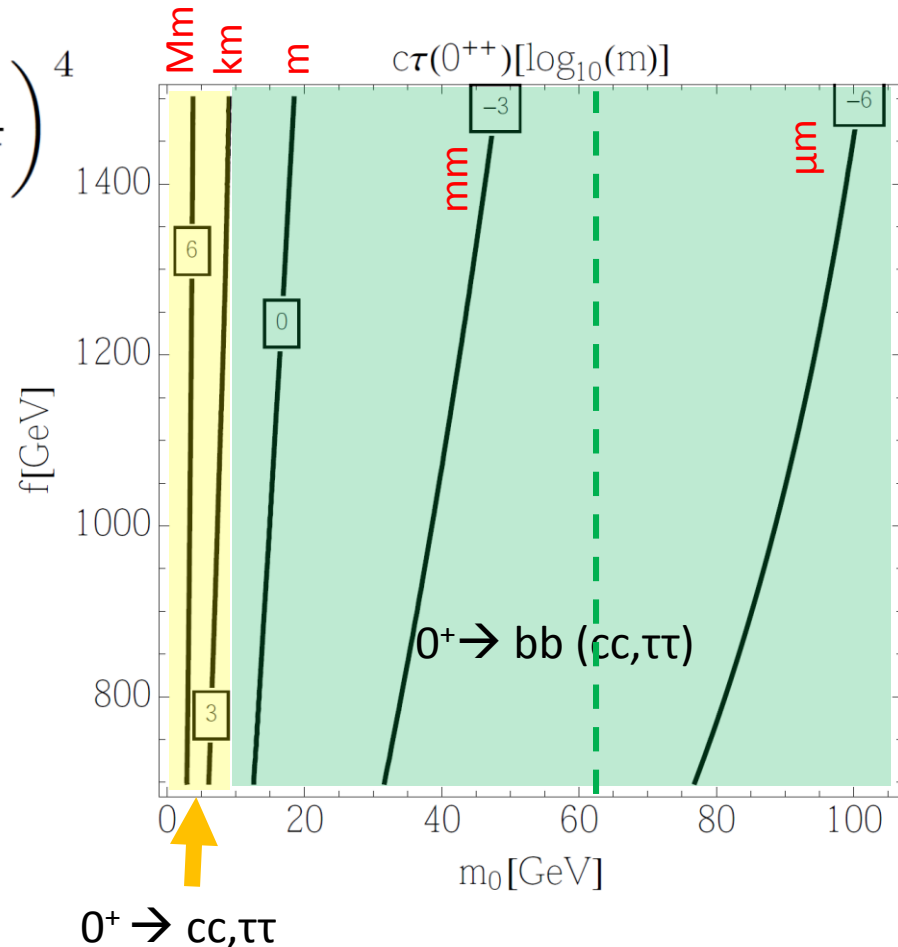
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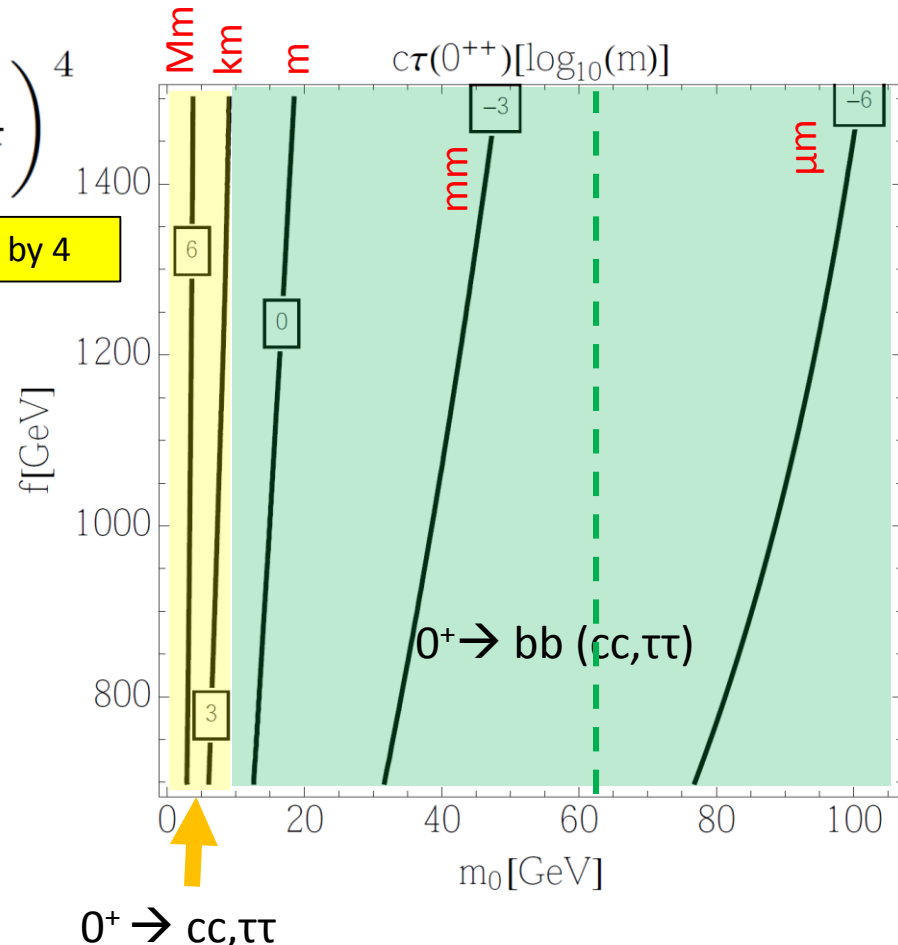
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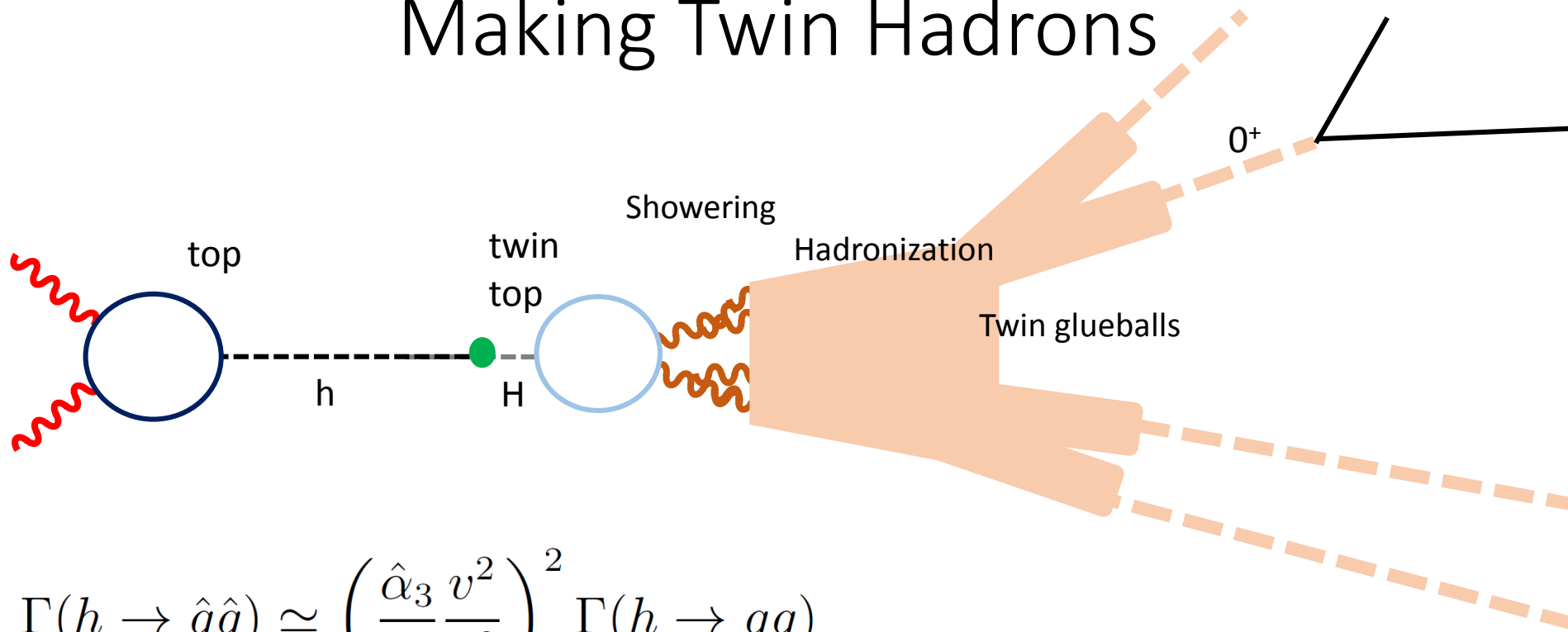
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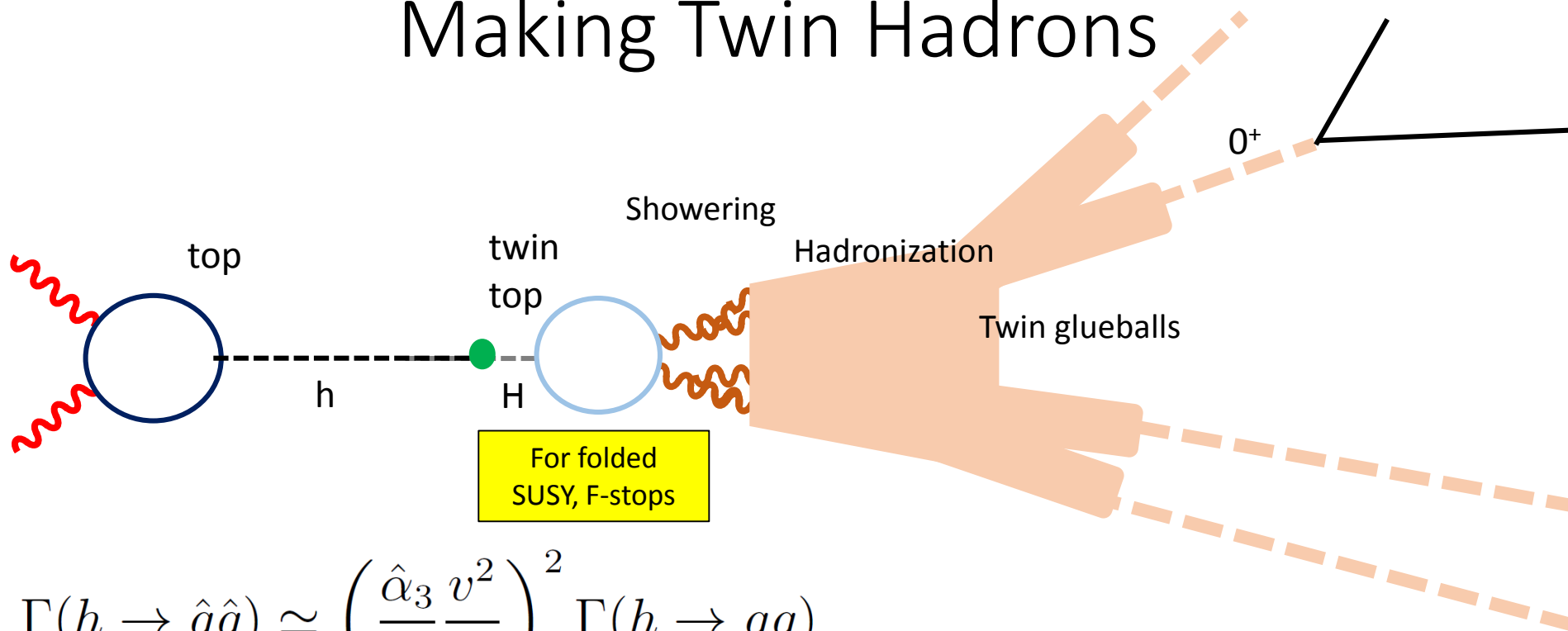
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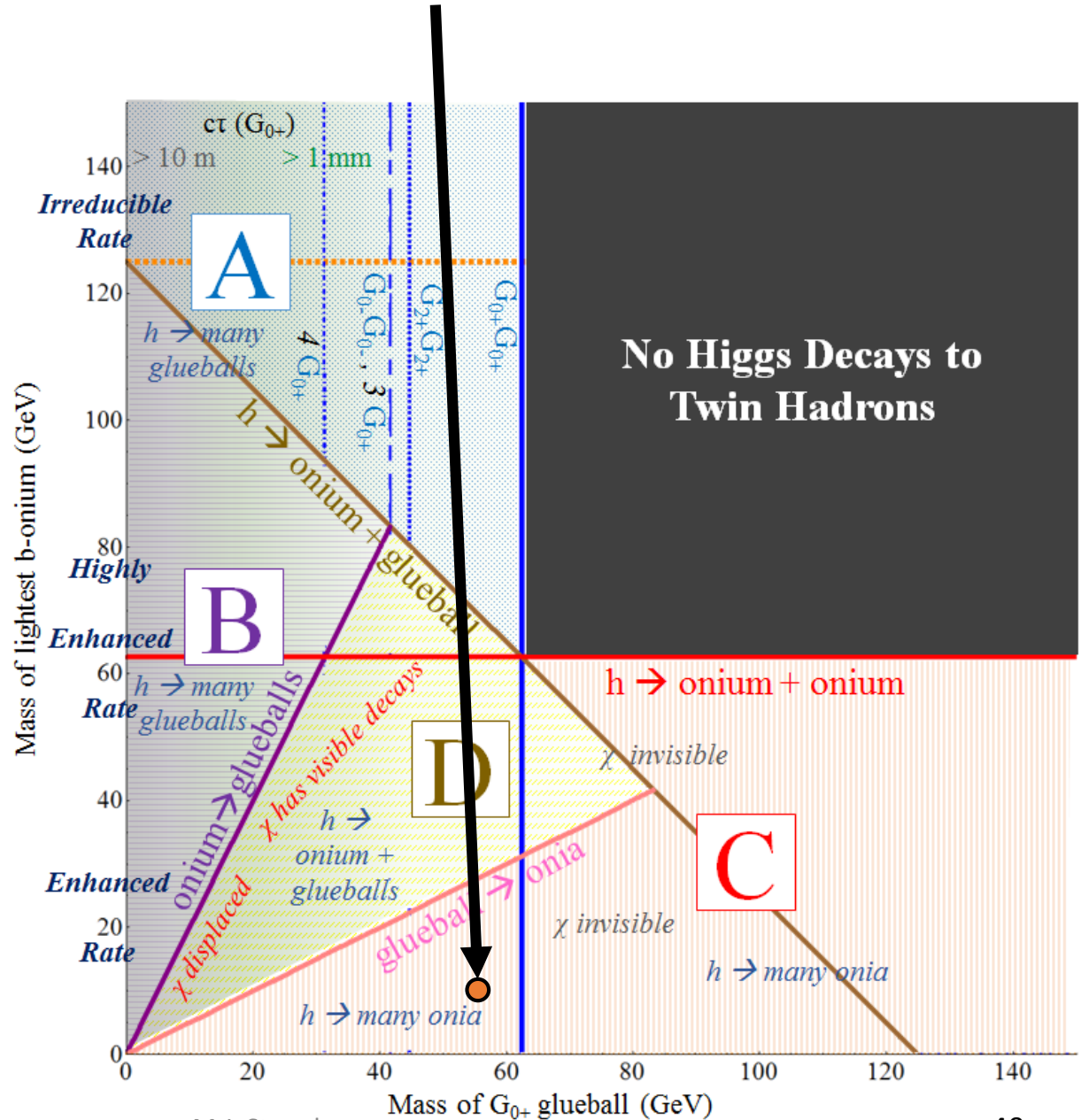
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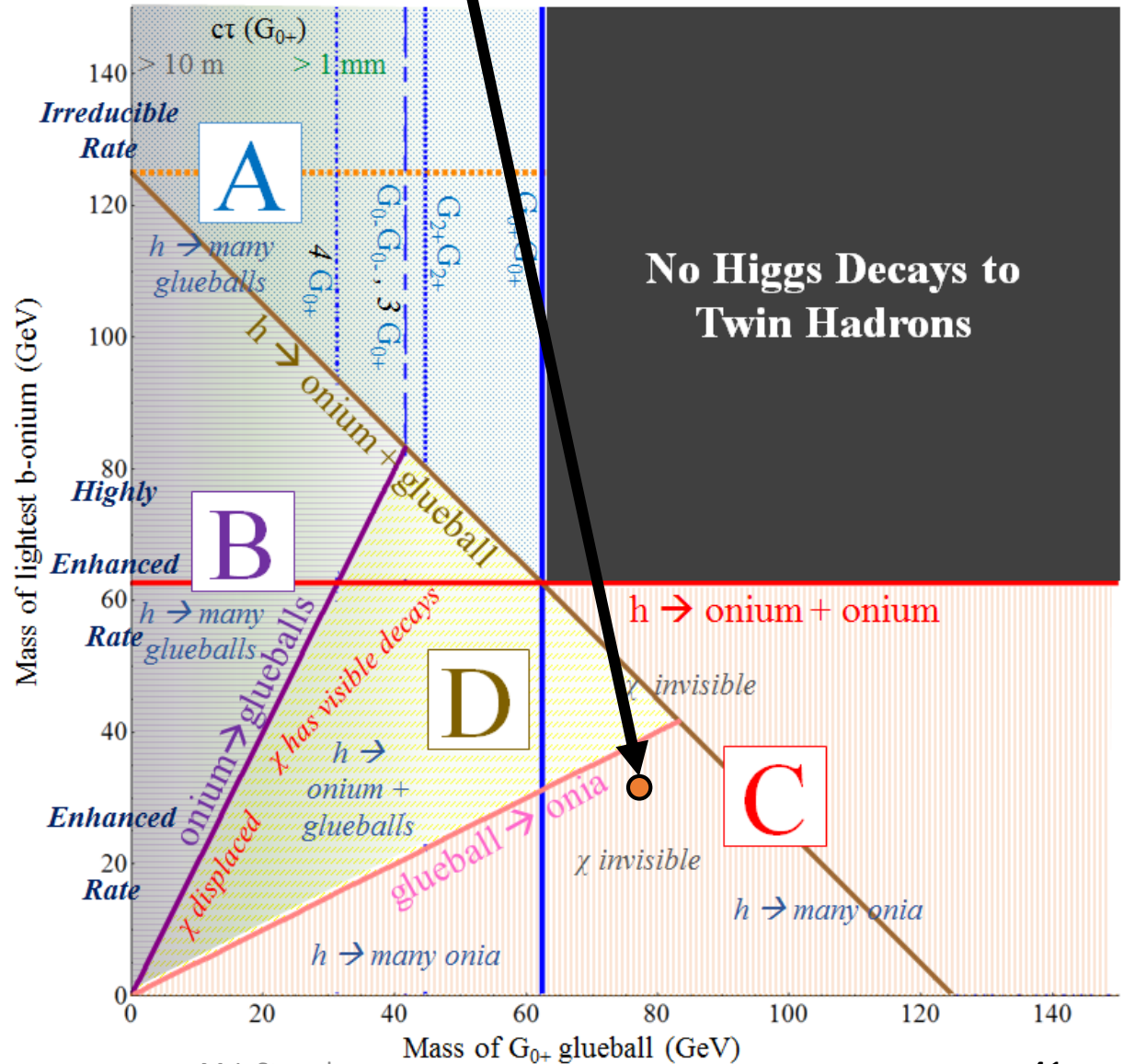
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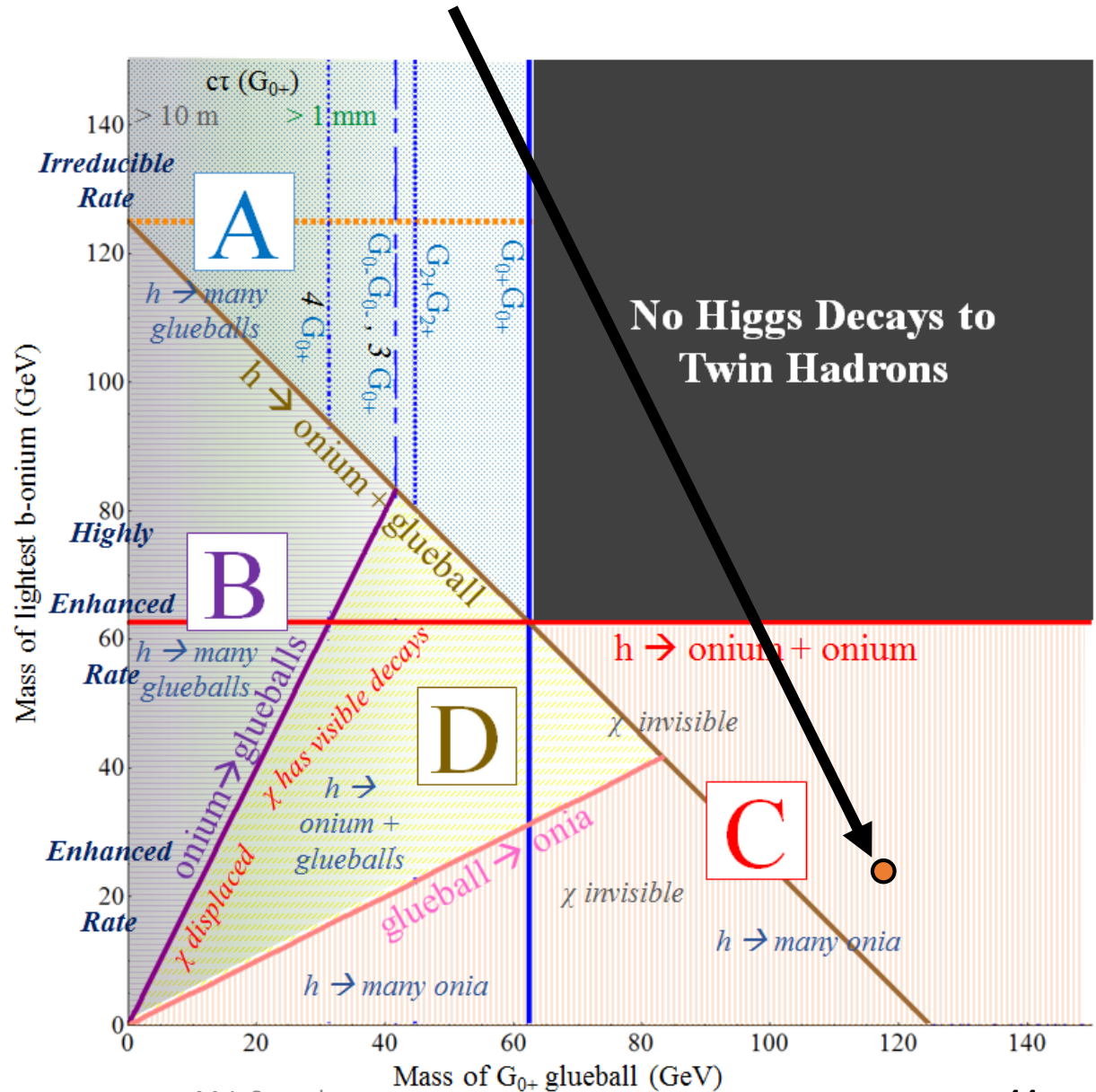
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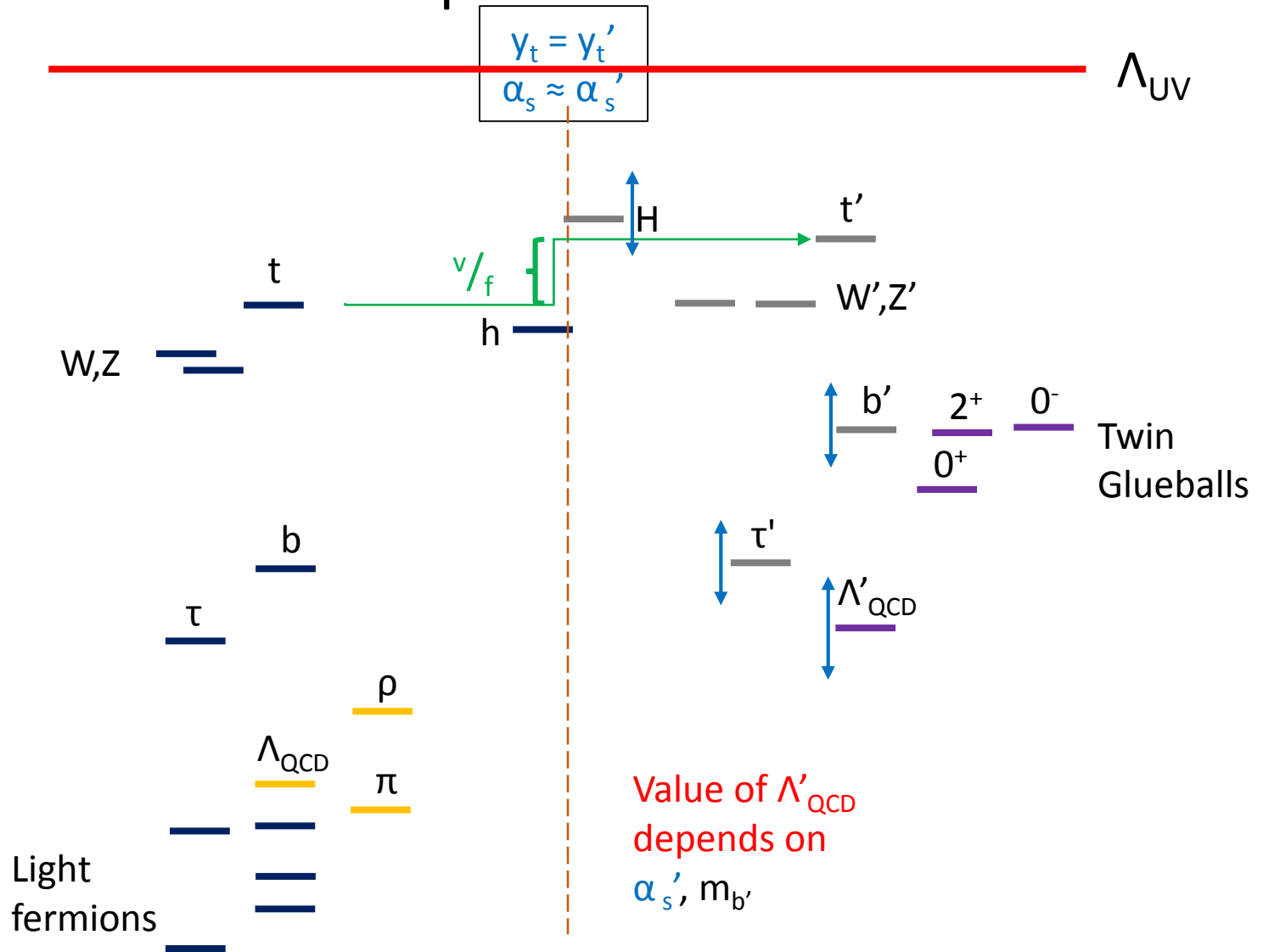


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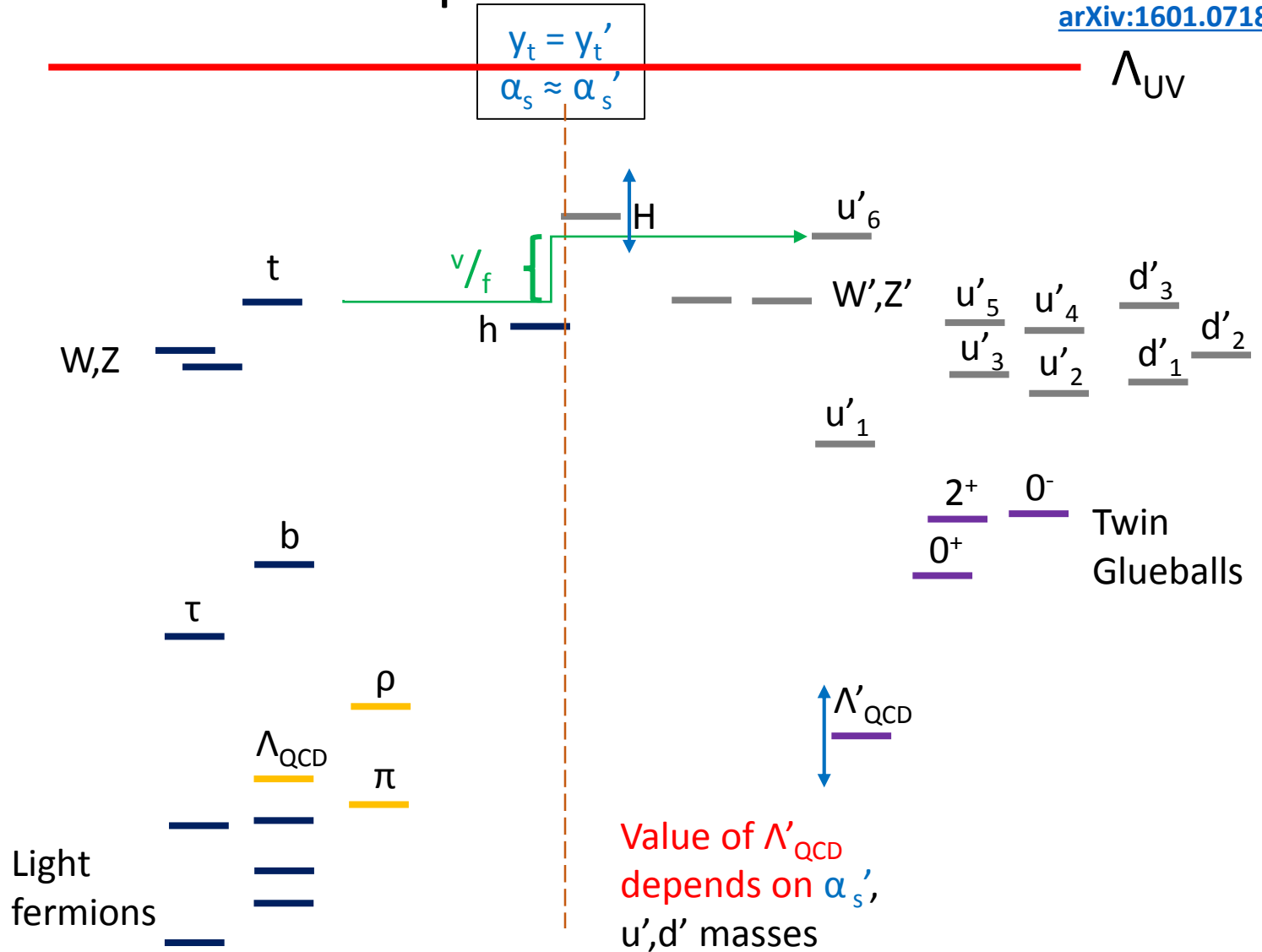
If no light twin neutrinos,
 $h \rightarrow$ twin bottomonia \rightarrow $bb + \text{MET} \sim 1\%$ (?)



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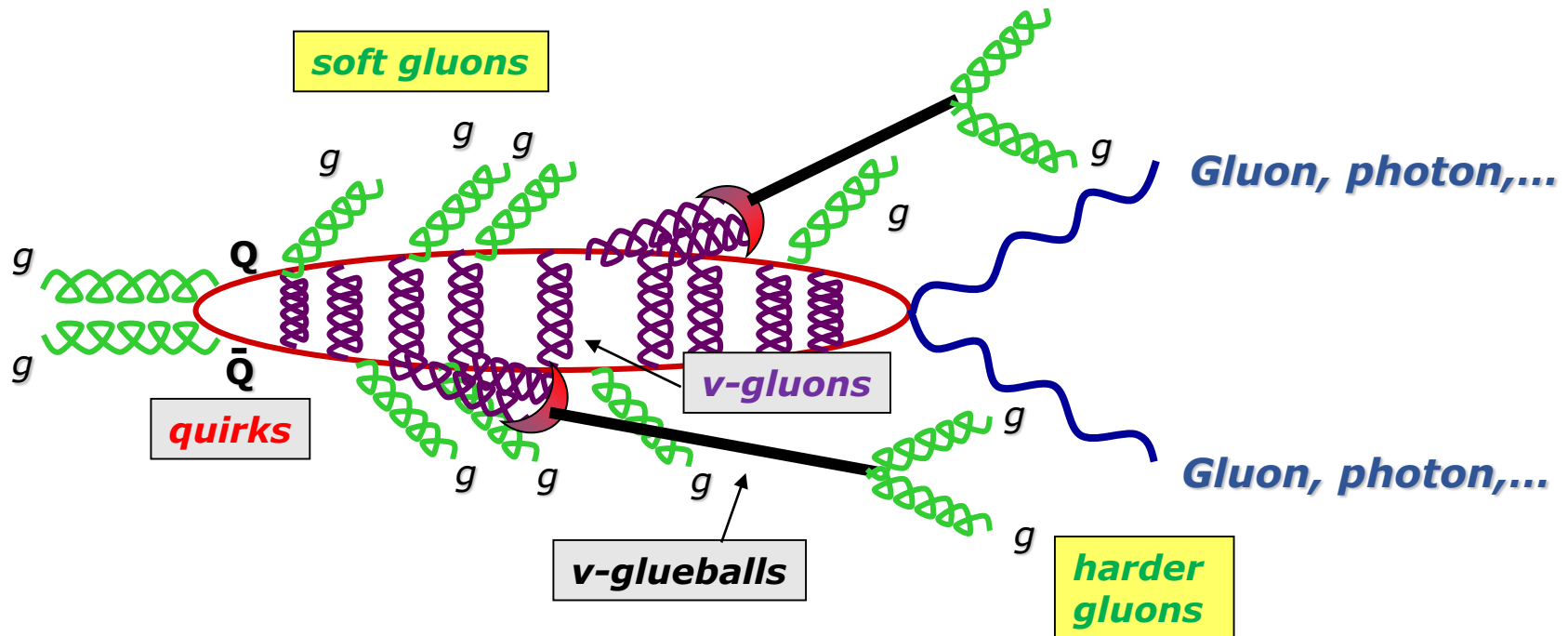
Colored Quirks could arise too

Lower-confinement-scale “quirks”:
Kang, Luty, Nasri [hep-ph/0611322](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0611322),
[arXiv:0805.4642](https://arxiv.org/abs/0805.4642)

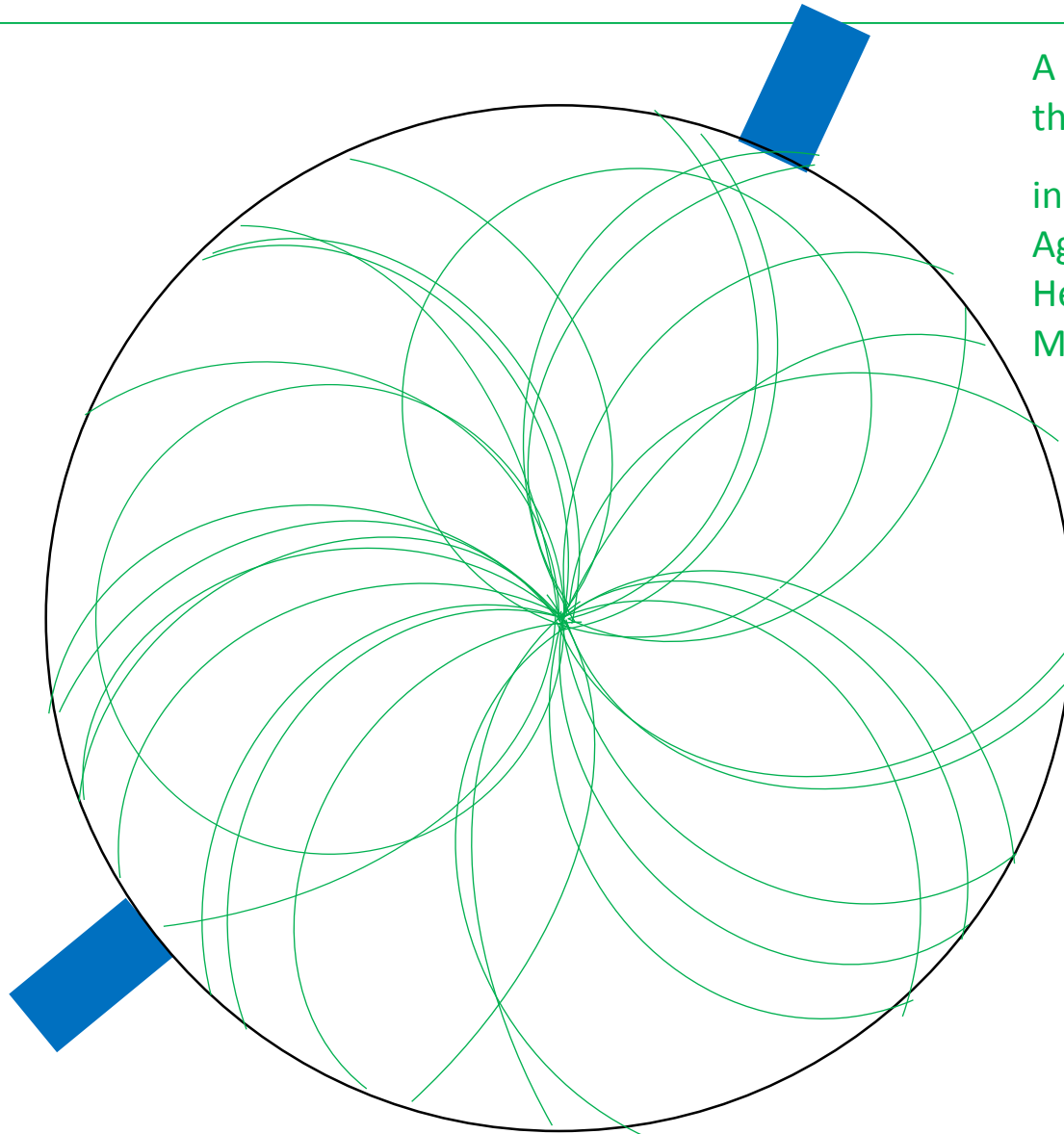
MJS + Zurek [hep-ph/0604261](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0604261)
Juknevich, Melnikov [arXiv 0903.0883](https://arxiv.org/abs/0903.0883)
Chacko, Curtin, Verhaaren '15

Production much larger than electroweak case

Now large number of tracks and/or soft jets from soft gluons



375 GeV Scalar Quirks?



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HV/DS and Diphoton bump X_S at 750 GeV?

Statistical fluke or a revolution?

- Why didn't you see something more clearly in Run 1?
- Why didn't CMS see it more clearly in Run 1?

Possible answers:

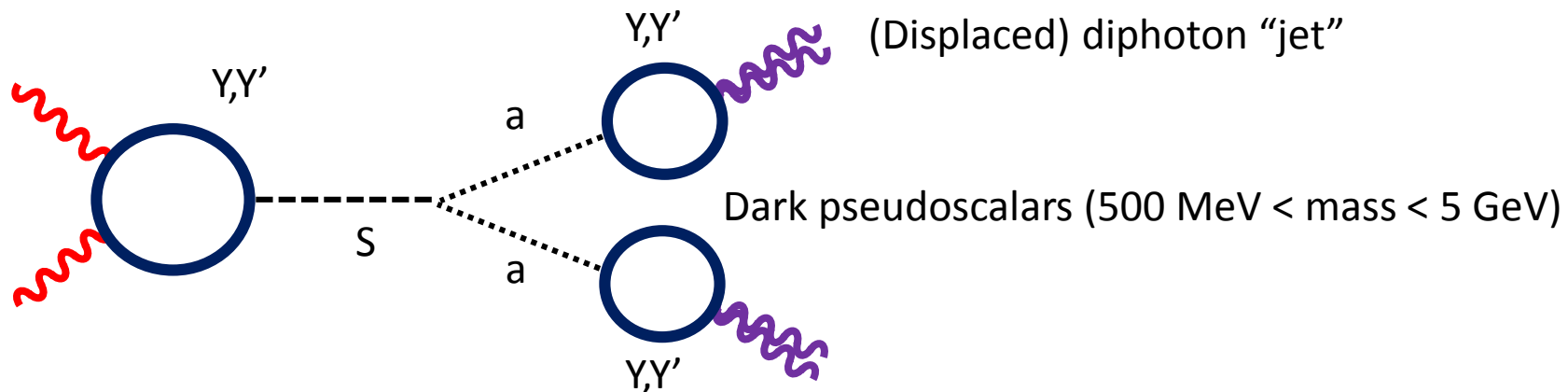
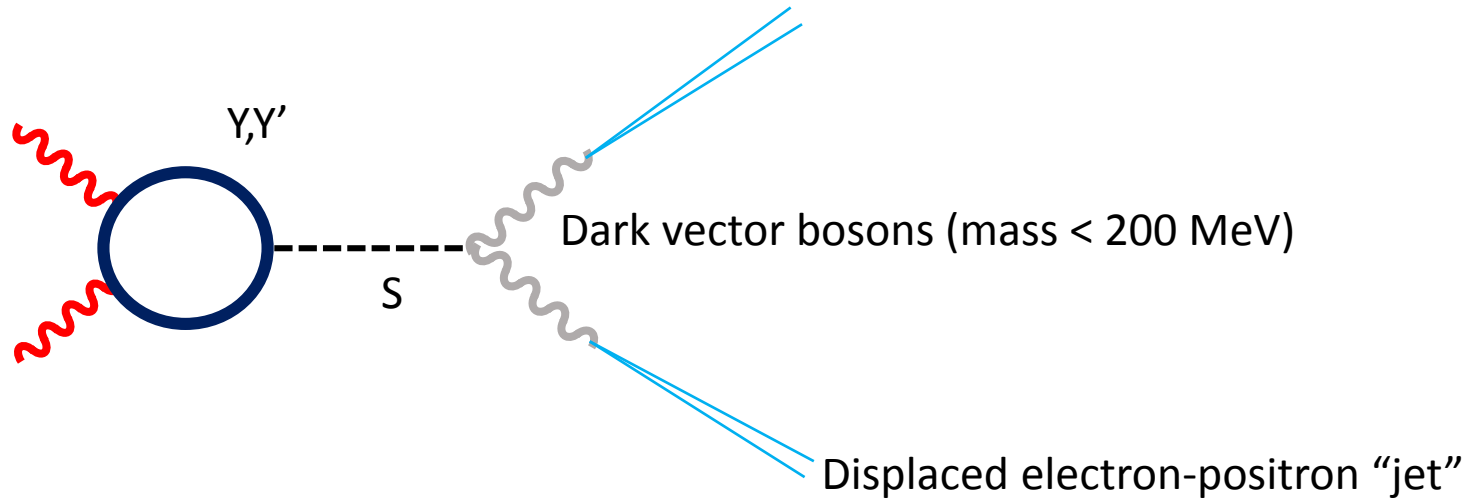
1. It's just a fluctuation.
 - My best guess. But still, lessons worth learning.
2. A signal, but enhanced & distorted by a fluctuation
 - If so, cross-section is smaller, perhaps width as well, than best fit
3. A signal, but the "photons" aren't actually photons
 - Precise definition of photons, choice of isolation, affects results
4. A signal, but the photons are in a cluttered environment
 - Choice of isolation affects results

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Signal = two fake photons

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Resonance \rightarrow fake photons

- Lots of options here:

- $S \rightarrow aa, a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ($m_a \sim 0.1 - 10$ GeV)
- $S \rightarrow aa, a \rightarrow \pi_0\pi_0$ ($m_a \sim 0.3 - 1$ GeV?)
- $S \rightarrow a\gamma$
- $S \rightarrow \gamma'\gamma', \gamma' \rightarrow ee$ ($m_{\gamma'} < 0.2$ GeV)
- ...

Scholtz talk

Volansky talk

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- Typically **fakes more convincing if lifetime \times boost is macroscopic**
- Poorer energy resolution \rightarrow **wider than expected for narrow $\gamma\gamma$**
- Sensitivity depends strongly on search methods, detector
 - Definition of photon
 - Photon isolation
 - Treatment of conversions
 - ECAL details

PLAUSIBLE??

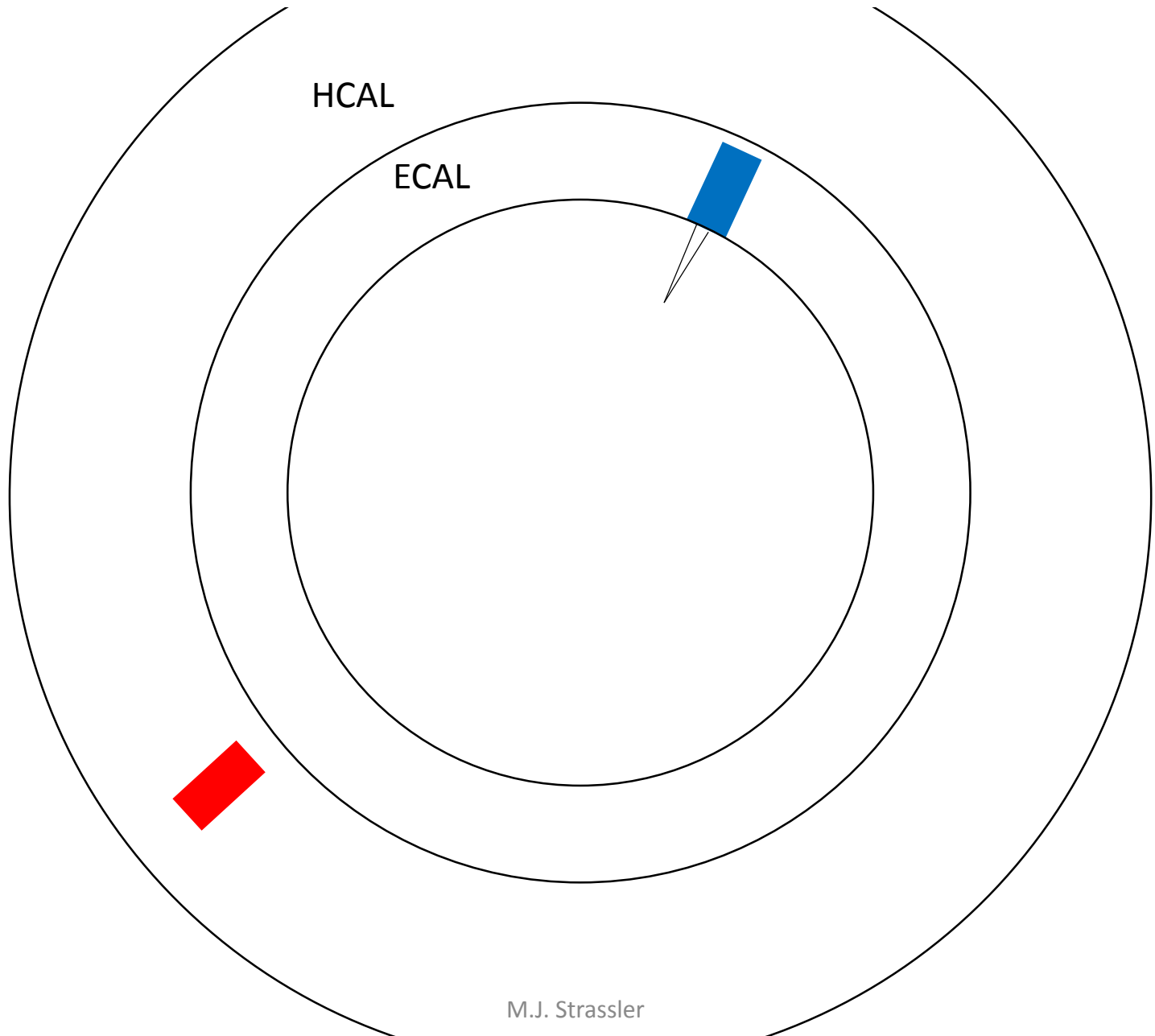
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Is This Plausible?

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- Changes in isolation affect results
- Changes in how conversions are treated affect results
- Very sensitive to details of ECAL
 - CMS vs ATLAS?

An Opportunity?



An Opportunity: Photon + HCAL-only Jet

If mixing with Higgs is small, a lifetime can be long

- $c\tau$ of order meter

And lifetime of dark vector boson can be long at any mass

Then can have one “photon” + one decay of a or γ' in HCAL

- Gives narrow HCAL-only jet recoiling against photon
- Invariant mass (once jet energy corrected) of 750 GeV

To my knowledge no existing search for **photon + HCAL-only jet**

- This is a good idea **independent** of the X_s

Summary

Huge space of signals in DS/HV; lots of great work but **much** more to do

- Easy but not done: general dilepton/diphoton bump hunt
- High priority: Higgs non-SM decays (cf. neutral naturalness)
 - Displaced jet (or jet-pair), tau pairs
 - Possibly only one per event! + MET or + promptPrompt bb bb , $\tau\tau$ $\tau\tau$ and $\tau\tau\mu\mu$ (but not just below bb threshold)
 - MET + leptons or photons
- Rare spectacular events related to Higgs portal?

Could 750 excess be related to a HV/DS or something similar?

- Fake photons from photon-jets or electron-jets
- Busy events with many tracks from quirks (scalars)
- Could these give strange detector/search-dependence via
 - Photon definitions (unusual EM showers, conversion patterns)
 - Isolation requirements
 - Resolution (i.e. apparent width)

Backup Slides

Motivation

- h decays may serve as window to weakly-interacting unknown particles.
 - e.g. discovery of neutrino in beta decay, other neutrinos in muon, tau decay
 - e.g. non-discovery of 4th neutrino, majorons, others in Z decay
- Dark Matter exists;
 - if it is particles, these particles may not carry SU(2) quantum numbers
 - Therefore these particles may have evaded LEP & have mass < 100 GeV
 - So possible that $h \rightarrow \text{DM} \rightarrow \text{invisible decay}$
 - Difficult to observe for $\text{Br} < 10\%$
 - If DM part of low mass dark **sector** (“*hidden valley*”), then maybe
 - $h \rightarrow \text{dark sector particles} \rightarrow \text{visible particles, with or without MET}$
 - Much easier to observe! Can sometimes reach $\text{Br} \lll 10\%$
- H “Portal” – easy access to dark/hidden sectors/valleys
 - H operator has dimension 1, $|H|^2$ is gauge invariant, dimension 2
 - Coupling to “dark” sector involves low dimension operator

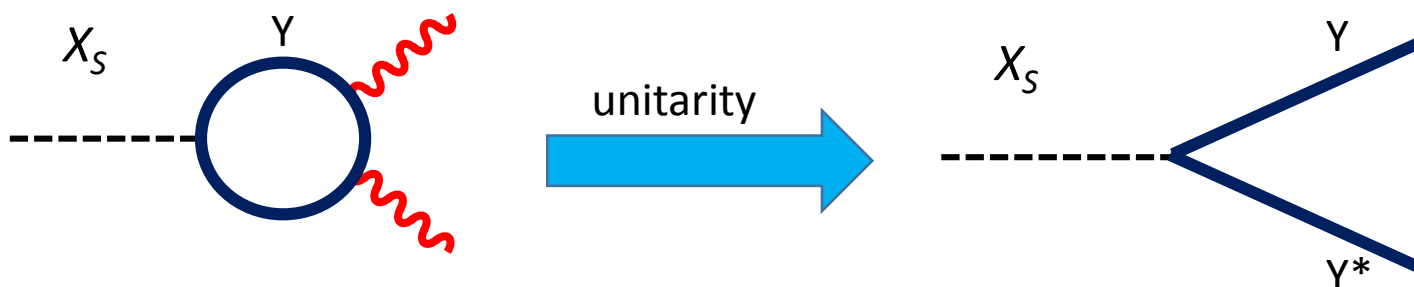
Motivation (2)

- 125 GeV h has very narrow width
 - → small interactions with new sector can generate new decays
 - These decays could have had $\text{Br} \sim 100\%$; could still have $\text{Br} \sim 10\%$.
- Number of h produced is large, so potential to reach $\text{Br} \sim 10^{-4}$ or better
 - 10^6 already produced
 - Approaching 10^8 in foreseeable future
 - But --- trigger and analysis challenges!
 - 2011-2012 data may still be useful!
- In some theories,
 - h decays are **first** BSM physics discoverable at LHC
 - Or even the **only** BSM physics discoverable at LHC14!
- Same searches might turn up new members of scalar sector (e.g. heavy H) whose decays are dominated by non-SM final states

Comments

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- X_S unlikely to be produced in quark-antiquark collisions
 - Probably gluon-gluon
- X_S unlikely to be produced in the decay of heavier particle
 - Would see excess energy or MET or jets in events
 - Exception (or a sort) later...
- Can't simply be second Higgs
 - It will decay to pairs of known quarks/leptons far more often than photons
 - Coupling to gluons/photons must come from particles with mass > 375 GeV



Resonance \rightarrow two photons

- Lots of possible models
 - Could be fundamental, could be composite
 - Could be narrow, could be wide (if invisible width)
- No way to distinguish without a second discovery
 - But one will likely follow
- Simplest models: loop generates both gluon, photon couplings
 - $Br(X_s \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) / Br(X_s \rightarrow gg) \sim 0.5\%$
- If it's related to naturalness
 - Top partners t', b'
 - May decay $t' \rightarrow t X_s, b' \rightarrow b X_s$
 - $ttjjjj, bbjjjj$ – SUSY multijet (+small MET) searches
 - Rare: $ttjj\gamma\gamma$ (at most 1 or 2 events so far)

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Photons in Crazy Environments

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X_s can't be heavy quarkonium state

- Very rarely produced

But it could be a heavy colored-quirkonium state

- Fermionic quirks unlikely: leads to large dilepton resonance!
- Scalar seems to be just fine.

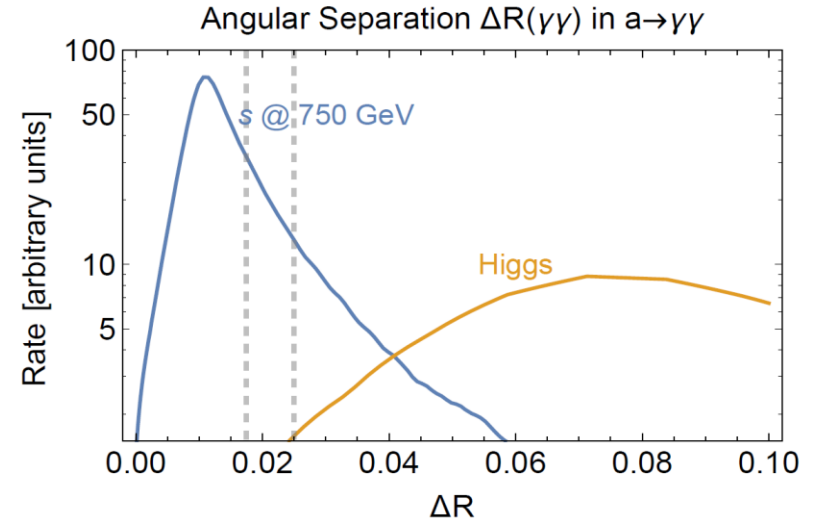
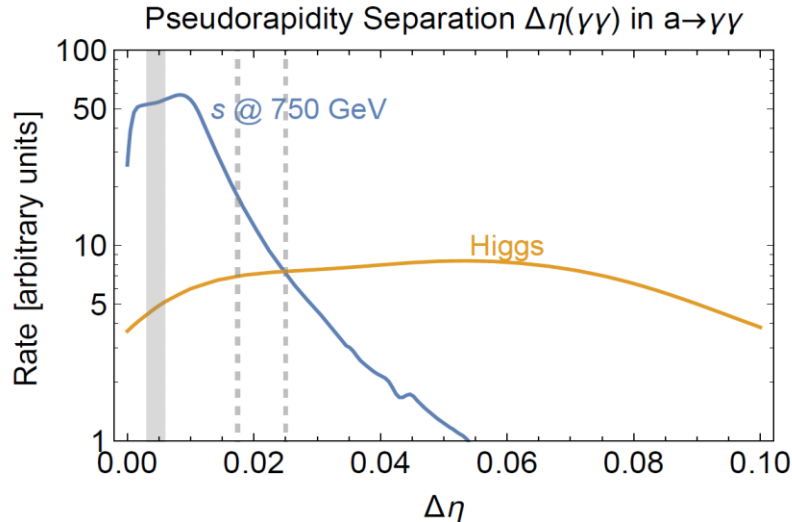
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Result:

- (Near-)Ground state sometimes produces two photons
- Decay down to ground state may produce soft particles or soft jets
- Photons may therefore sometimes be lost due to isolation
 - Different isolation requirements lead to very different efficiencies?
- **Larger number of tracks/soft jets in 750 GeV bump vs. background**

Effect of Boost

$m_a = 2 \text{ GeV}$,
 $c\tau = 1.6 \text{ mm}$

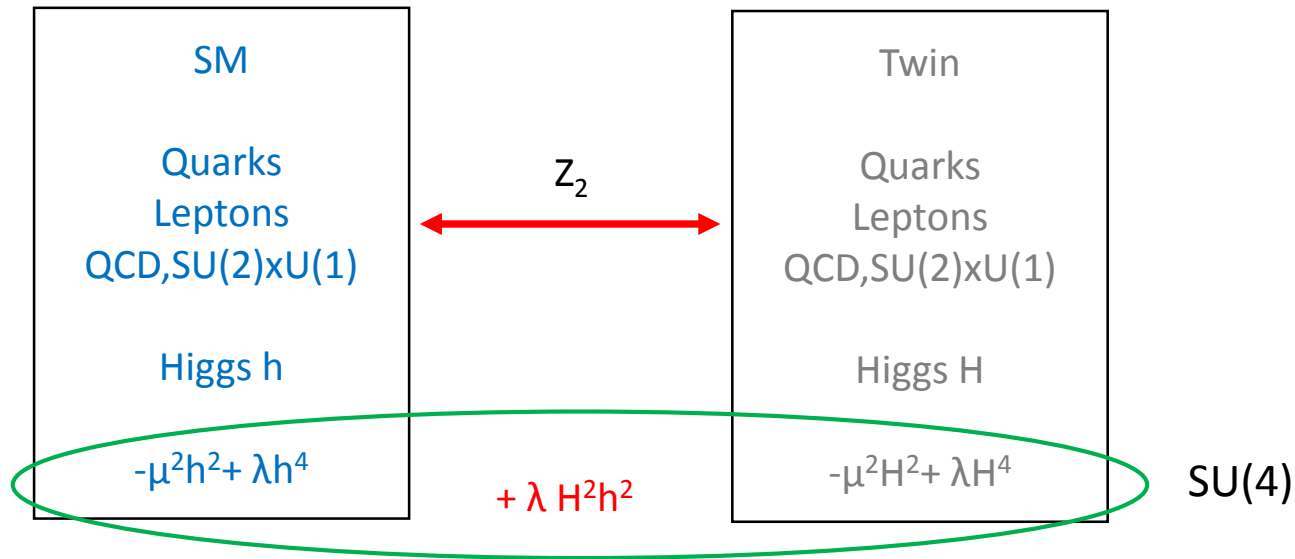


$h \rightarrow a a$

- Theory can allow as large as 10%, small as 10^{-5}
 - hard to get much below 1% if S produced through mixing
- Photon pairs too often wide for $h \rightarrow a a$ to fake $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
 - Could shift $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ upward: search-dependent, detector-dependent
- Limits on $h \rightarrow (\gamma \gamma) (\gamma \gamma)$ only cover
 - $m_a \sim 100 - 400 \text{ MeV}$
 - $m_a > 10 \text{ GeV}$

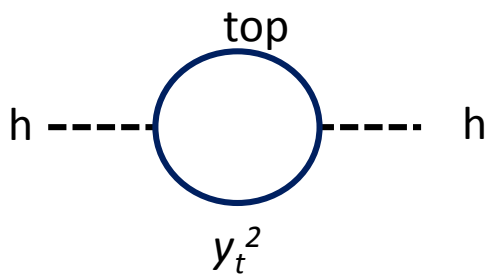
Twin Higgs (original version)

hep-ph/0506256
Chacko, Goh & Harnik

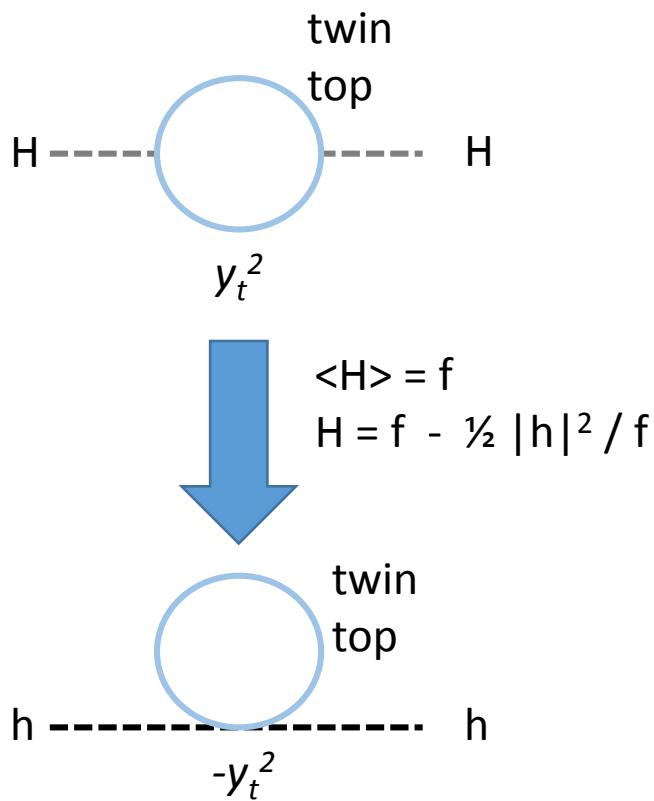


- (h, H) form a quartet of $SU(4)$
 - H gets a vev f , $SU(4) \rightarrow SU(3)$ gives 7 Goldstone modes: $W, Z, W_{\text{twin}}, Z_{\text{twin}}, h$
- $SU(4)$ is broken to $SU(2) \times SU(2)$ by gauge and Yukawa couplings
 - But Z_2 assures that $SU(4)$ in μ, μ is not broken at 1 loop
- Therefore Higgs remains pseudo-Goldstone at one loop
 - Cutoff $\sim 5\text{-}10$ TeV

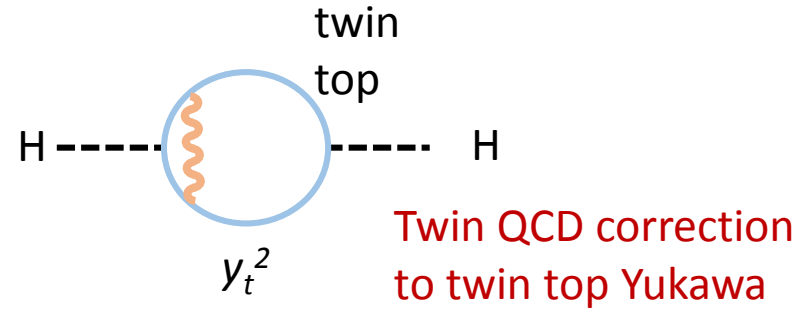
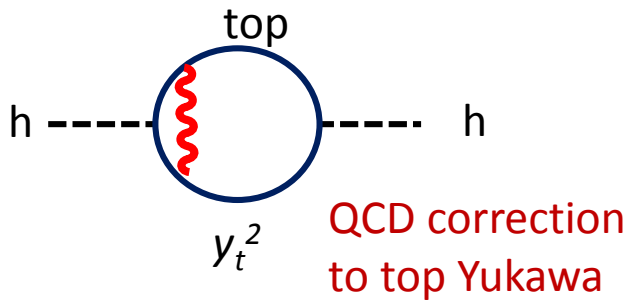
Biggest 1-loop correction



(Similar for W)



Biggest 2-loop correction

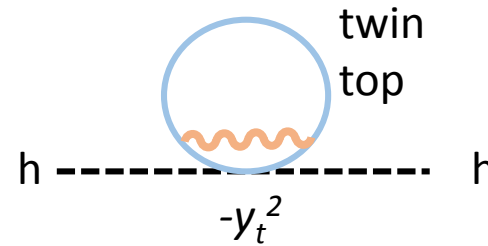


QCD coupling makes top Yukawa run significantly

Twin QCD running changes twin top by corresponding amount

So cancellation survives leading-order running

$\langle H \rangle = f$
 $H = f - \frac{1}{2} |h|^2 / f$

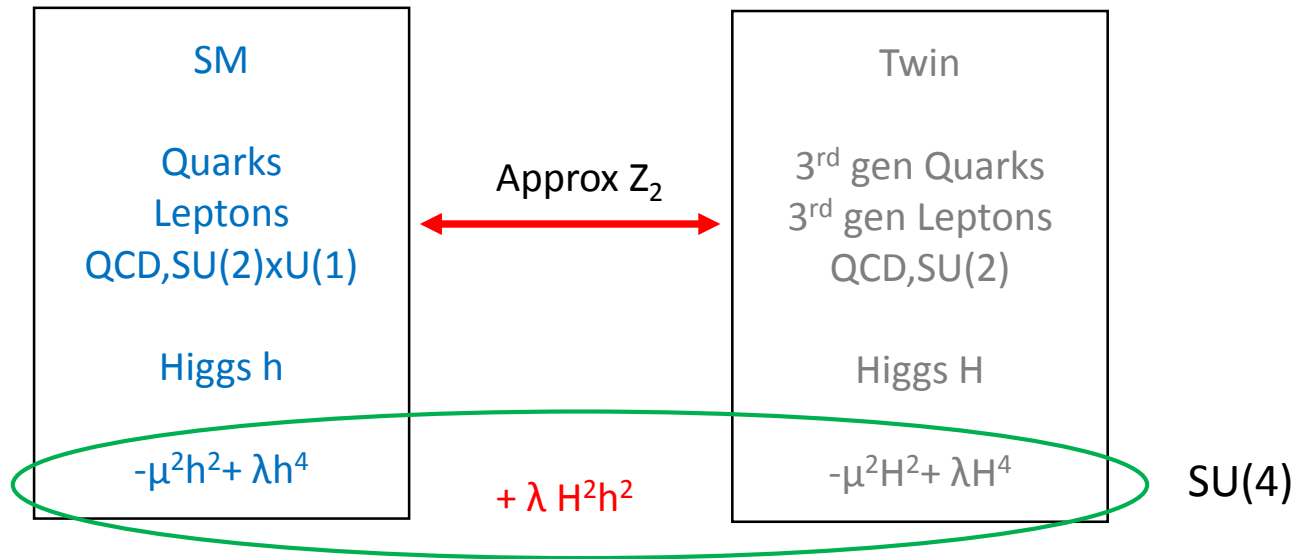


Twin Sector

- Turns out f needs to be $\sim (3-6) v \sim 750-1500$ GeV
 - Too small? Large Higgs-twin Higgs mixing, excluded
 - Too large? Big correction to Higgs mass at two loops
- t'/t mass ratio = b'/b mass ratio = f/v
 - Twin $m_t \sim 525 - 1050$ GeV
 - Twin $m_b \sim 12 - 24$ GeV
- Small tuning (1 in 5 - 10) in Higgs potential to get $\langle H \rangle = f \gg \langle h \rangle = v$

Twin Higgs (minimal version)

Craig, Katz, MJS &
Sundrum
[arXiv:1501.05310](https://arxiv.org/abs/1501.05310)



- Mechanism is the same
 - Note: top Yukawa couplings must be equal at $\sim 1\%$
- Z_2 relaxed, unnecessary particles discarded
- Just twin top and bottom, tau and neutrino
 - And twin bottom / bottom Yukawas need not be equal, etc.
 - SU(2), SU(3) couplings equal at $\sim 10\%$
 - No need for twin U(1) hypercharge – drop

Summary

Higgs portal is generic whenever naturalness relies on hidden sector

- **We can be unlucky** (at least at LHC, though **not at e^+e^-**)
 - Visible HV signals may be absent – only invisible decays
 - Visible prompt HV signals may be present, but challenging and/or rare
 - e.g. $\text{Br} \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$ and no easy channels
 - **Always** small corrections to SM predictions for h
- **Or we can be lucky**
 - Visible prompt HV physics may be common and/or spectacular
 - Rates enhanced by twin fermion couplings
 - Leptonic signals
 - Displaced object signals
 - Decays of a heavy Higgs (standard or exotic)

Diversity of possible signals motivates a coherent program of searches at Run 2 for non-SM h (and H) decays

- prompt and non-prompt
- invisible, partly visible and wholly visible
- simple and complex final states

Quirks and Neutral Naturalness?

Fermionic quirks aren't very plausible

- J/Psi-like dilepton resonance should have been observed by now

Scalar quirks: more plausible (but natural?)

- Spin-1 bound state is P-wave, suppressed.

Multiple nearby states affect resonance shape, apparent width?

Neutral Natural?

- Scalar quirks do arise in Folded SUSY
 - Top “squarks” are actually squirks
 - Not colored; confined under a new SU(3) group
 - Not sufficiently produced?
- Quirks in non-minimal models?

Summary

Naturalness remains **the big question of our time**

- Dark matter is a big question, but not necessarily of our time

Neutral Naturalness – can hidden sectors hide naturalness?

- Existence Proof: Twin Higgs, Folded SUSY, variations
- Signals: Hidden valley pheno in Higgs sector
 - New resonances, possibly displaced, in Higgs decays
 - Can arise also in rare heavy higgs decays

Who ordered a 750 GeV Boson?

- Is it part of a natural theory? Can top partners decay to it?
- Is it decaying to fake photons (photon-jets or electron-jets, likely displaced?)
 - Can the Higgs decay this way too?
- Is it a bound state, perhaps of permanently bound “quirks”?
- **Could the more exotic options help explain**
 - the width?
 - the ATLAS/CMS Run 1/Run 2 discrepancies?
 - the variations in 2011/2012 ATLAS/CMS Higgs → photons searches?