

# COLLIDER SEARCHES FOR SCALAR SINGLETs ACROSS LIFETIMES

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# CURRENT INTERESTS

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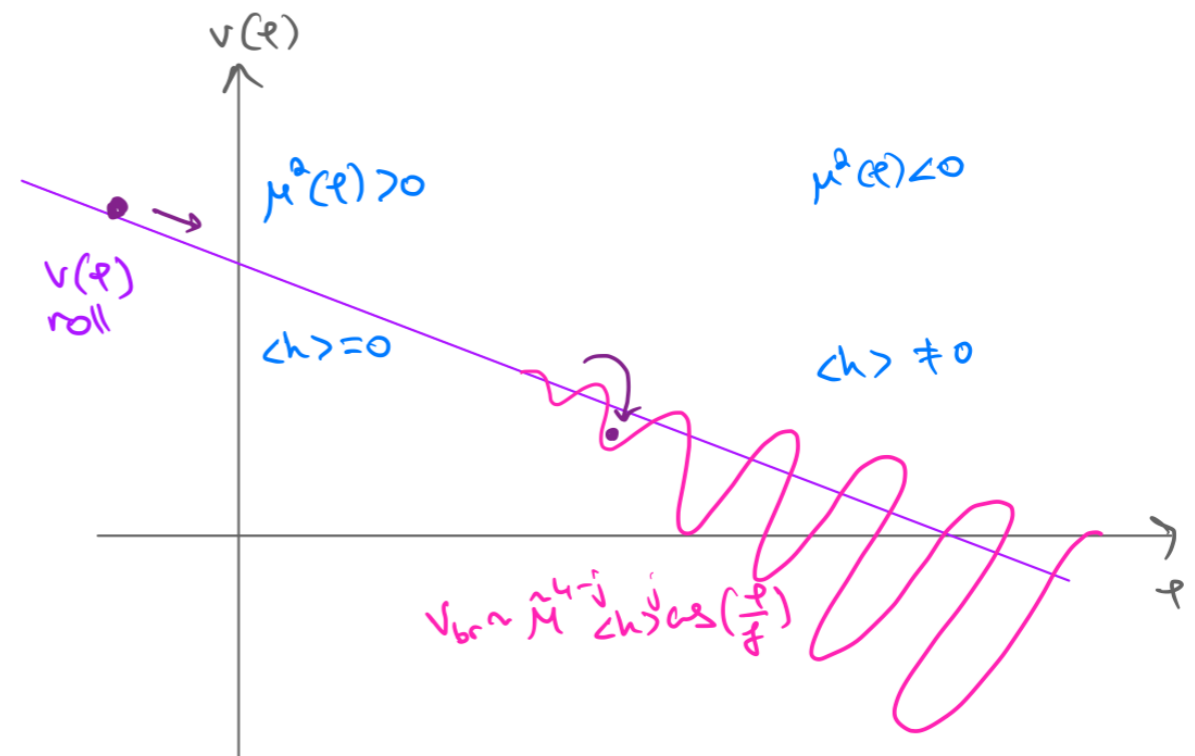
- Ultralight DM precision tests with table top experiments
- CP-violation effects in photon self-interactions
  - LUXE
  - Cavities
- Long-lived particles at colliders

# SCALAR SINGLET EXTENSION

- SM+ real singlet

$$V_s(\Phi, H) = V(\Phi) + \mu^2(\Phi)H^\dagger H + \lambda_h (H^\dagger H)^2$$

- Higgs Portal - mediator to a dark sector.
- Can be a dark matter candidate.
- Relaxion - dynamically set the Higgs VEV



# SINGLET-HIGGS INTERACTIONS

## ➤ Minimal renormalizable extension

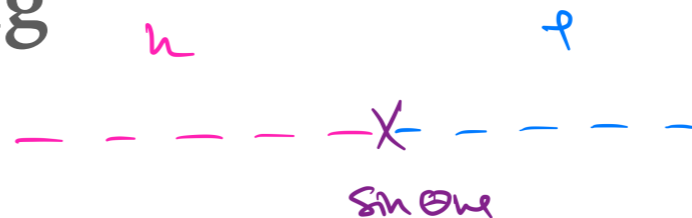
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## ➤ Phenomenologically relevant parameters

### ➤ Higgs - Singlet mixing

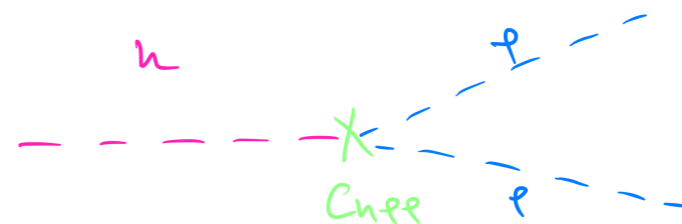
$$\sin \theta \approx \frac{a_{h\phi}}{v\lambda_h}$$



The scalar inherits the Higgs coupling to the SM, suppressed by  $\sin \theta$

### ➤ Higgs - Singlet pair vertex

$$c_{h\phi\phi} \approx \sin^2 \theta v \lambda_h + \underbrace{\hat{\lambda}_{h\phi} v + a_\phi \sin \theta}_{\lambda_{h\phi}}$$



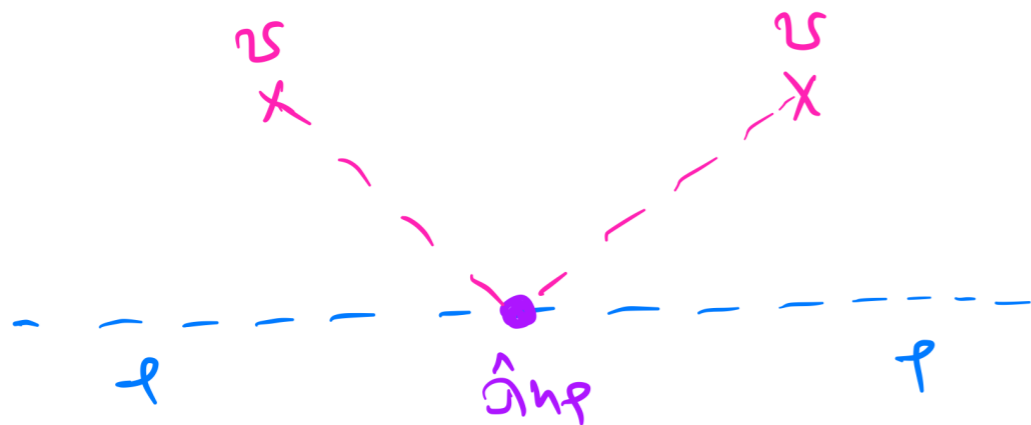
Exotic decay channel for the Higgs (if  $m_h \geq 2m_\phi$ )

# NATURAL SCALAR SINGLET EXTENSION

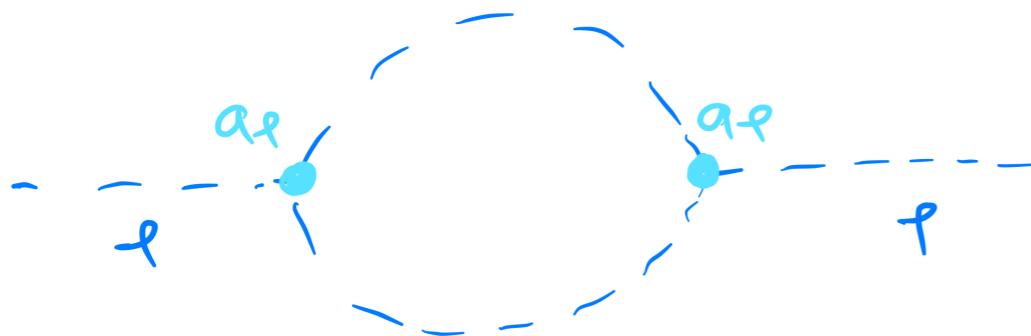
- Additive corrections to the scalar's mass set the minimal mass (no tuning)



$$\sin \theta \lesssim \frac{m_\phi}{m_h}$$



$$\hat{\lambda}_{h\phi} \lesssim \frac{m_\phi^2}{v^2}$$



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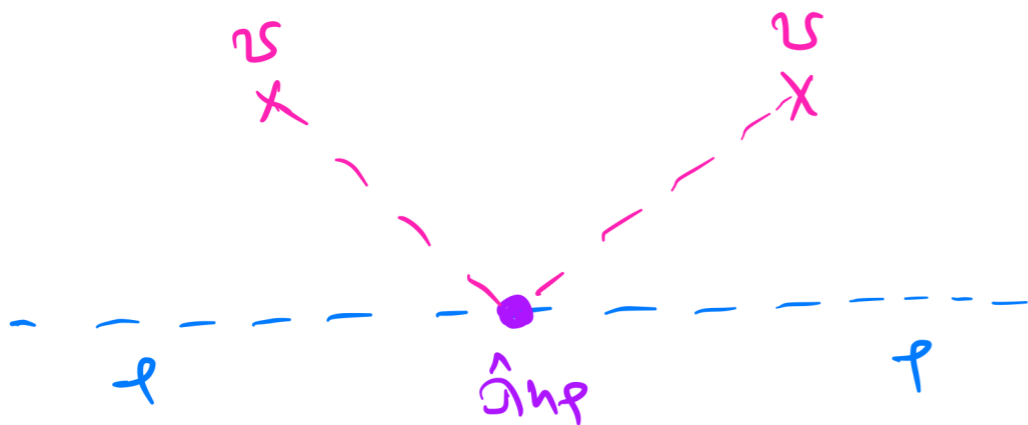
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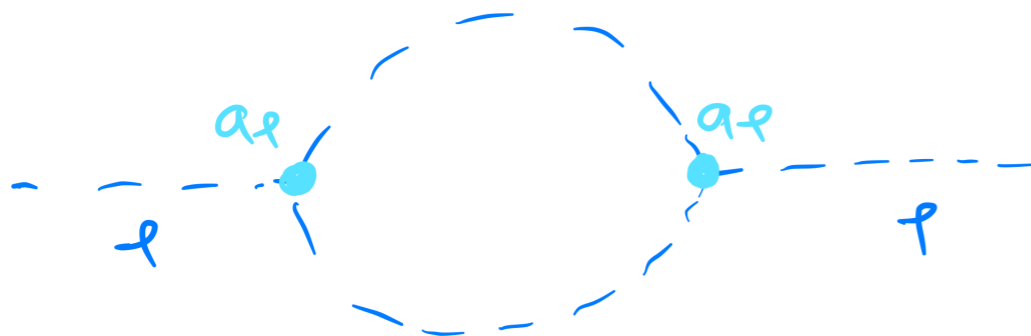
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*Relaxion - can be violated due to dynamics (Abhishek's talk)*



$$\hat{\lambda}_{h\phi} \lesssim \frac{m_\phi^2}{v^2}$$

*Relaxion - is not a free parameter, automatically saturated*

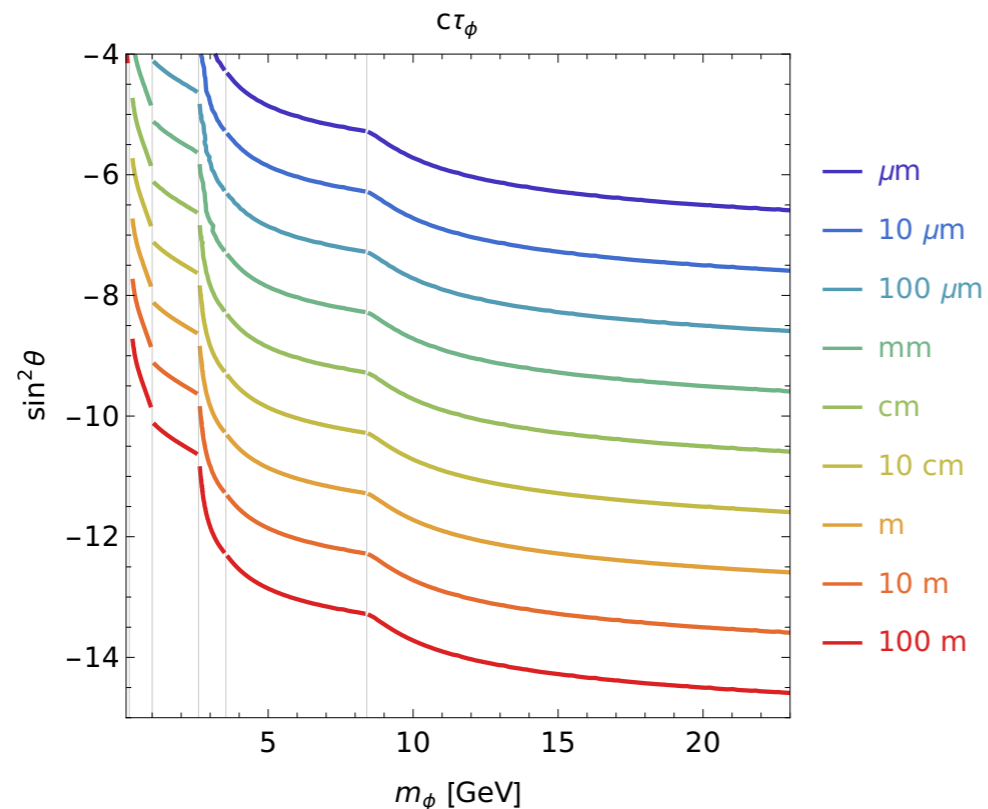


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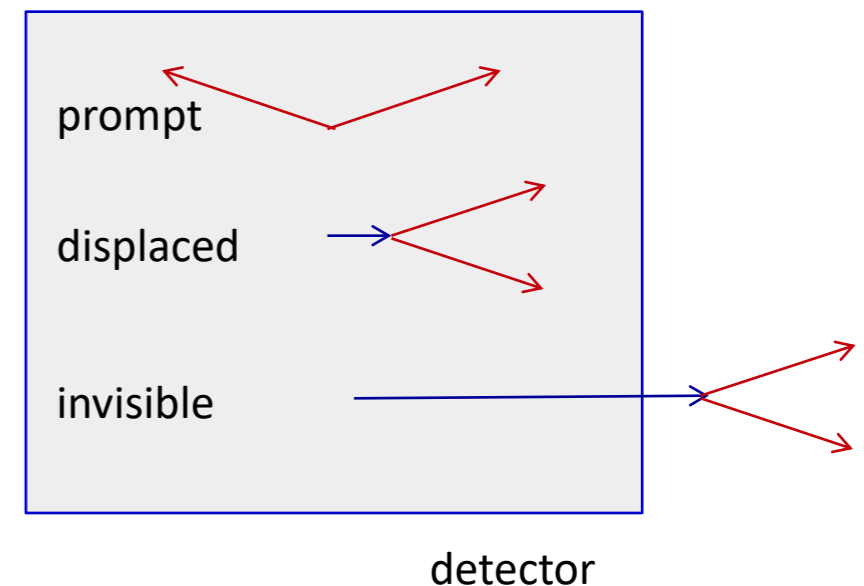
*Relaxion - no triple coupling*

# COLLIDER SEARCHES ACROSS LIFETIMES

- Wide range of scalar lifetimes - controlled by mass and mixing



Decays of  $\Phi$ :



- Goal: study these searches at all lifetimes
  - Obtain constraints in terms of model parameters
  - Compare different search strategies - complementarity
  - Estimate potential to probe Natural parameter space

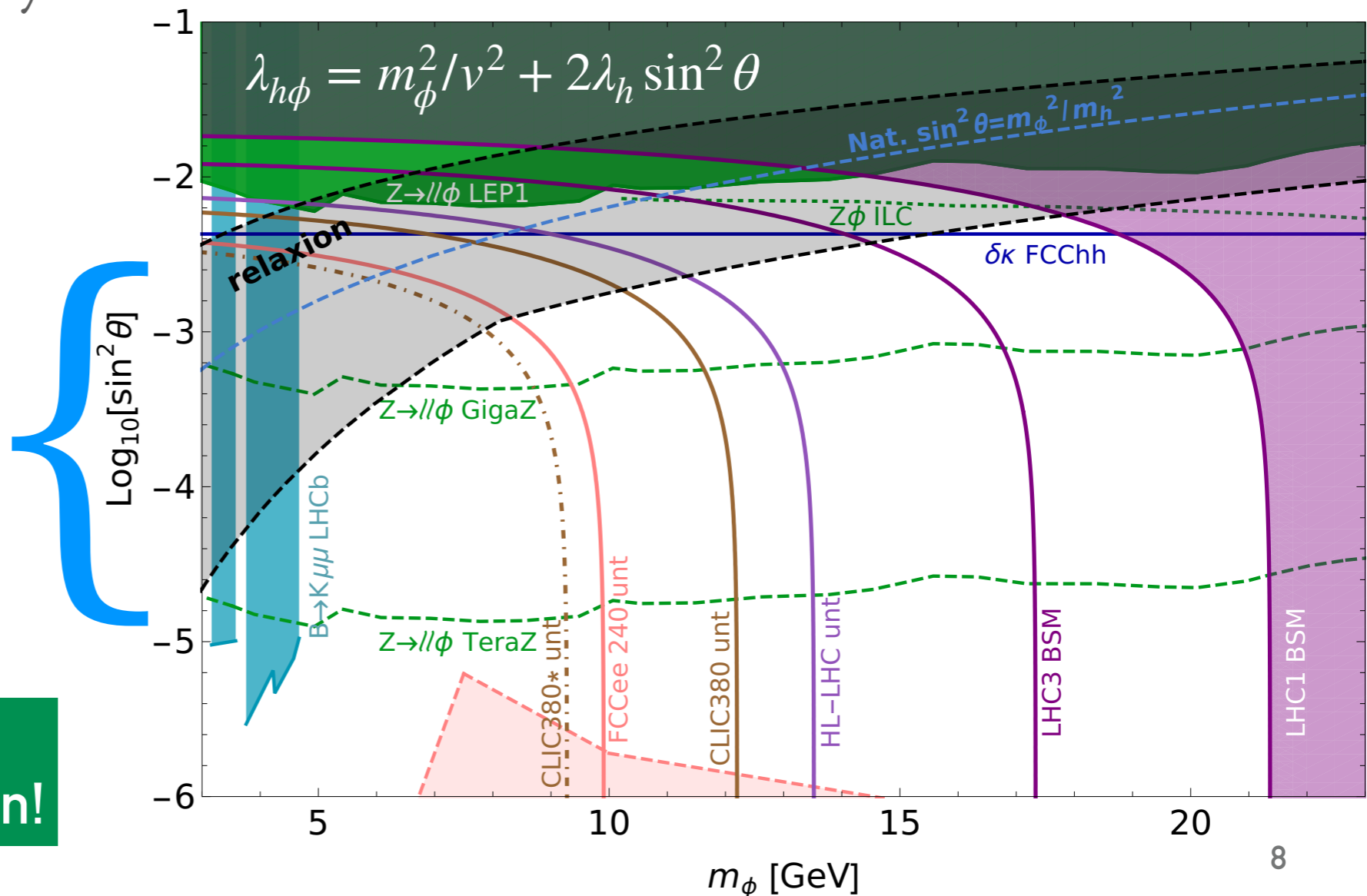
# PROMPT - DIRECT AND UNTAGGED

- Indirect - Depletion of Higgs decays to SM particles (untagged)

$$\mu_{if} = \frac{\sigma_{i \rightarrow h}}{\sigma_{i \rightarrow h}^{SM}} \frac{BR_{h \rightarrow f}}{BR_{h \rightarrow f}^{SM}} = \approx \cos^2 \theta BR_{h \rightarrow f}^{SM} (1 - BR_h^{NP})$$

- Direct - Rare Z decays

Natural  
relaxion can  
only live

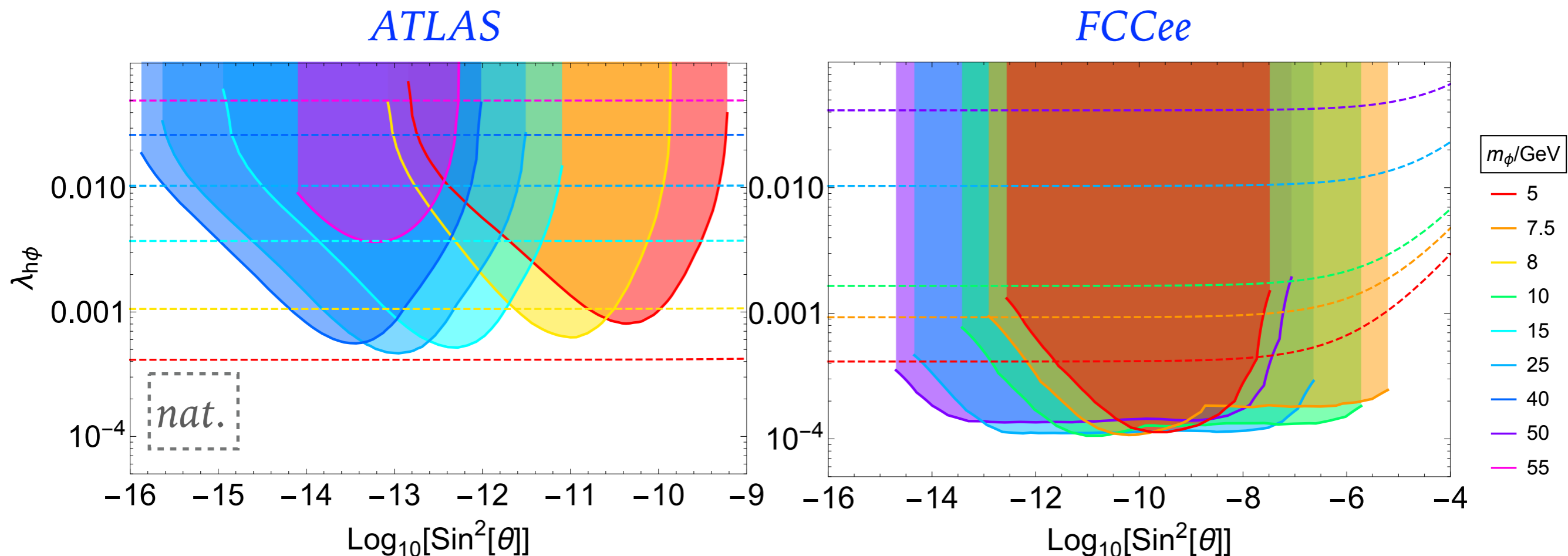


TeraZ will be able to  
exclude the heavy relaxion!



# DISPLACED

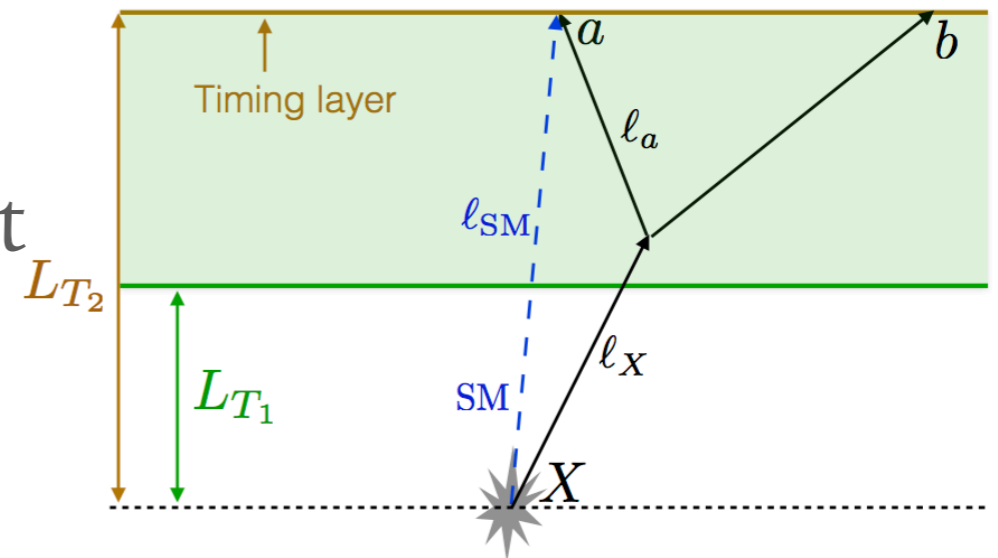
- Direct searches for Higgs decays into displaced jets.
- Longer lifetime - production almost mixing independent.
- Reinterpret results for displaced Higgs vertices in terms of model parameters.



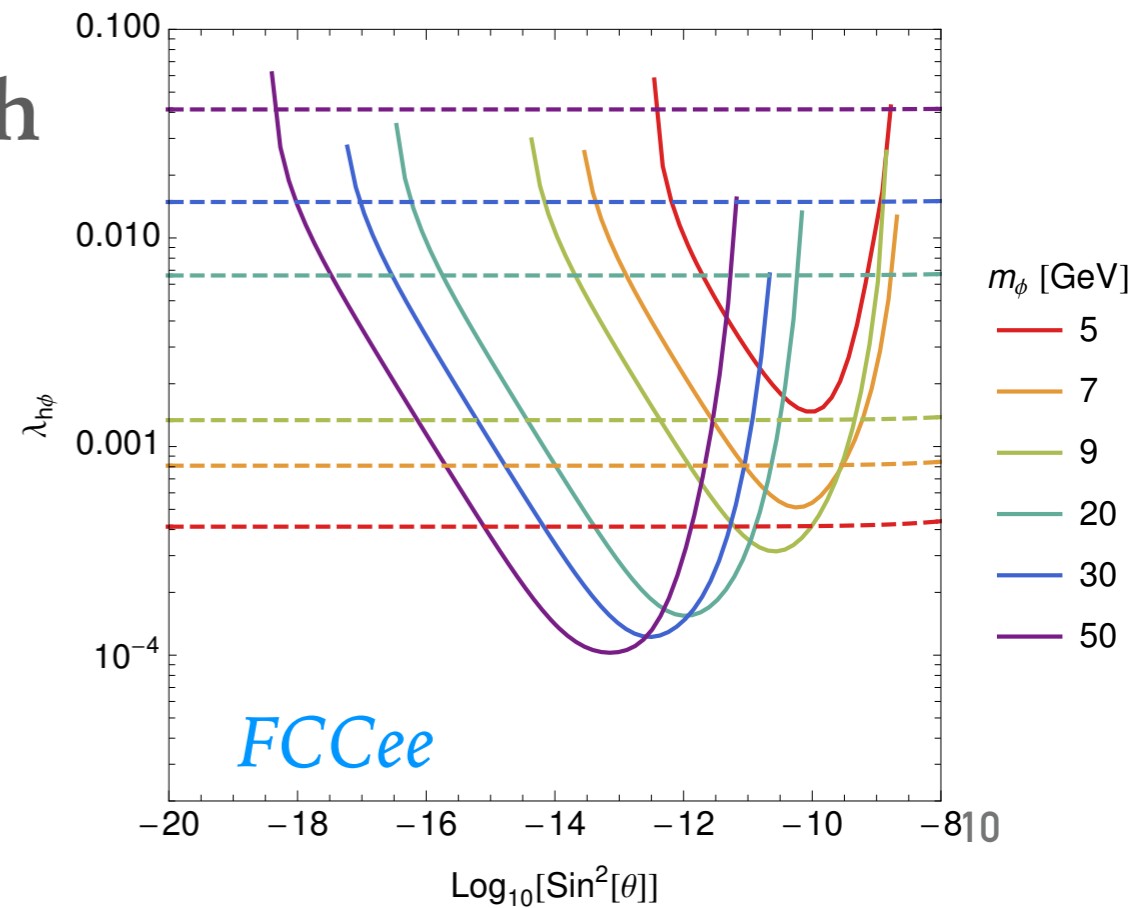
# DELAYED

- Identify long-lived particles by the **time delay** of the decay product

$$\Delta t \cdot c = \frac{l_x}{\beta_x} + \frac{l_a}{\beta_a} - \frac{l_{SM}}{\beta_{SM}}$$



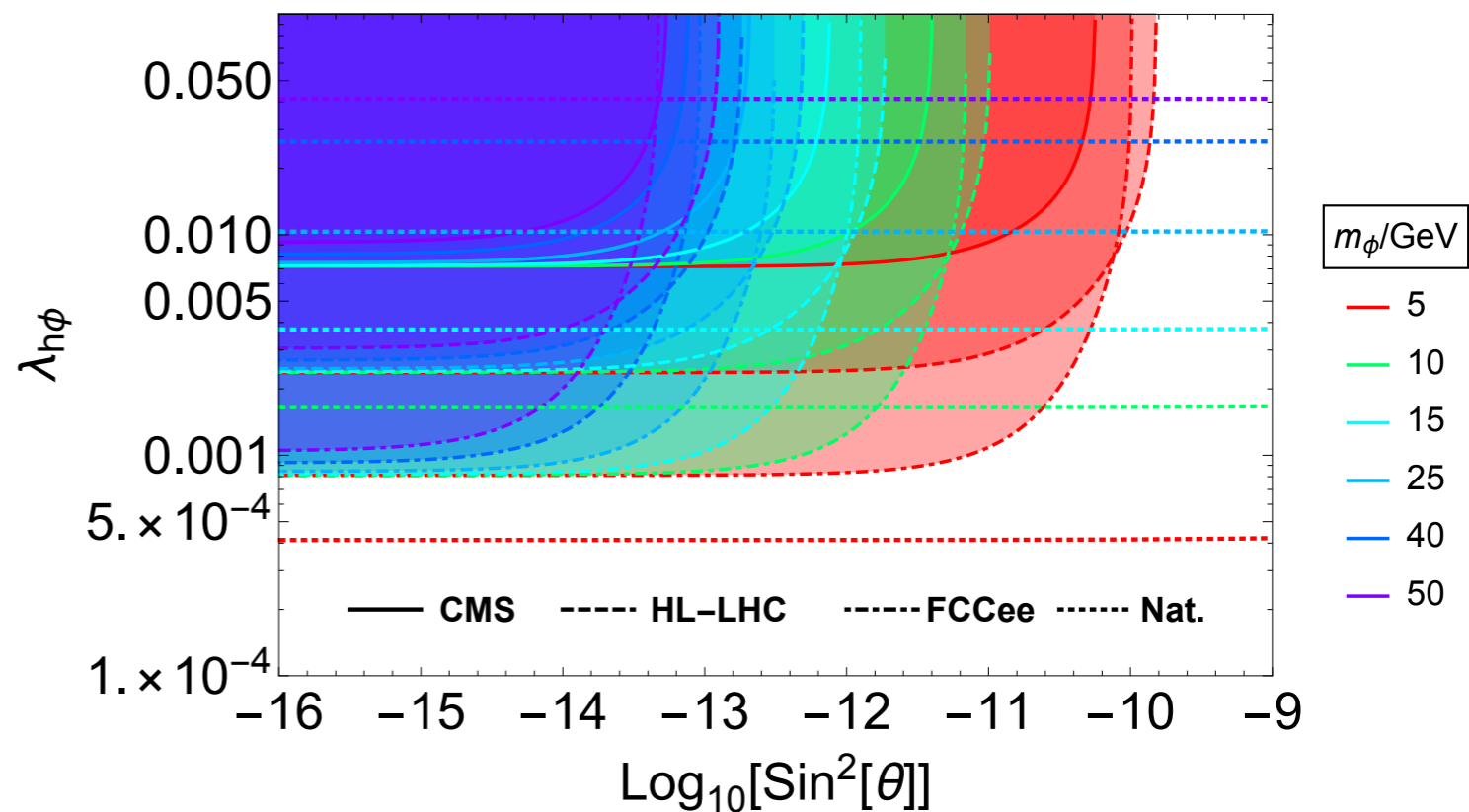
- Take advantage of the MIP timing detector for the HL-LHC
- **Selections are geometrical** in terms of the scalar decay length for each event kinematics.
- Extend to all masses and lifetimes.
- Consider an MTD for the FCCee.



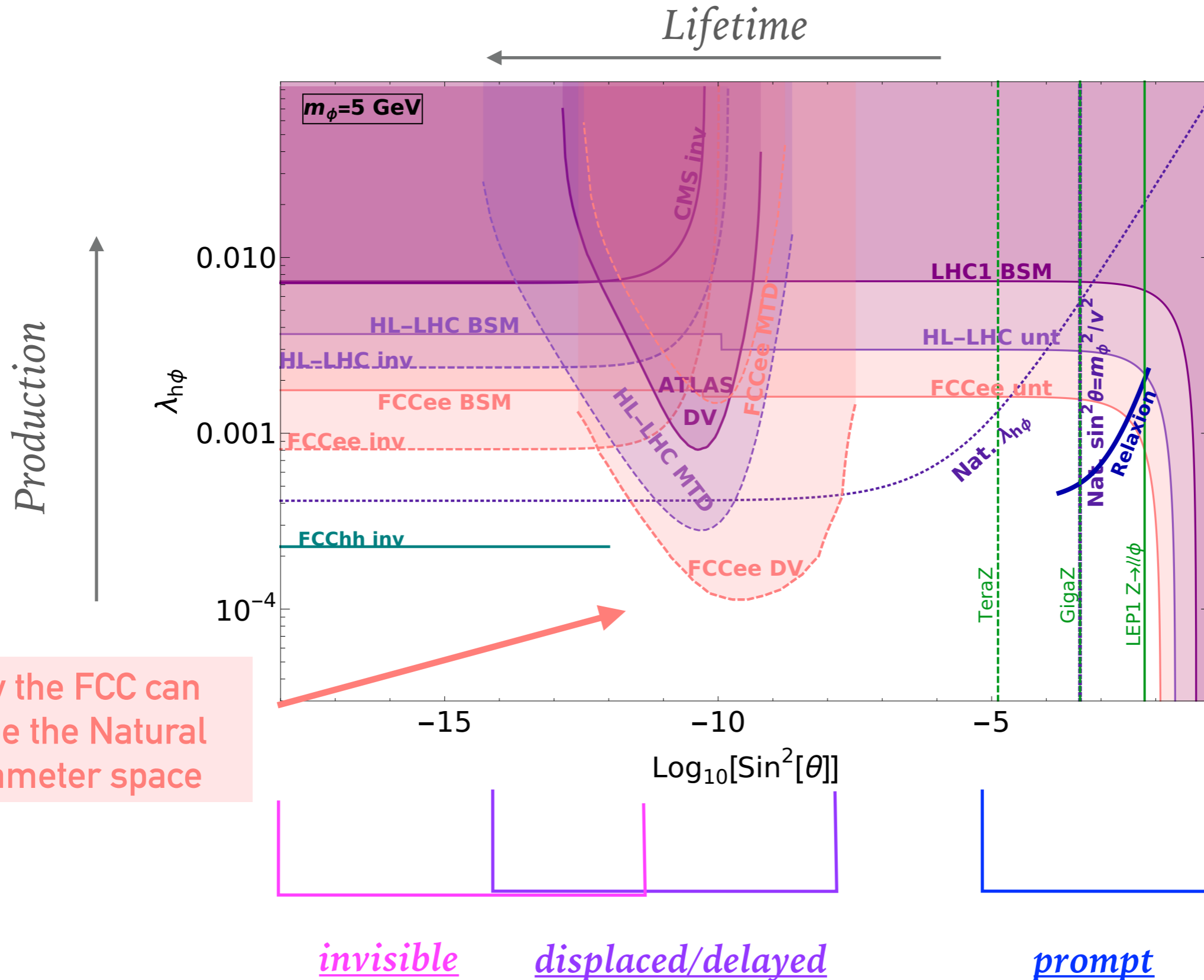
# INVISIBLE

- Direct searches for Higgs decays into missing ET.
- Account for the fraction  $r$  of scalars decaying outside the detector

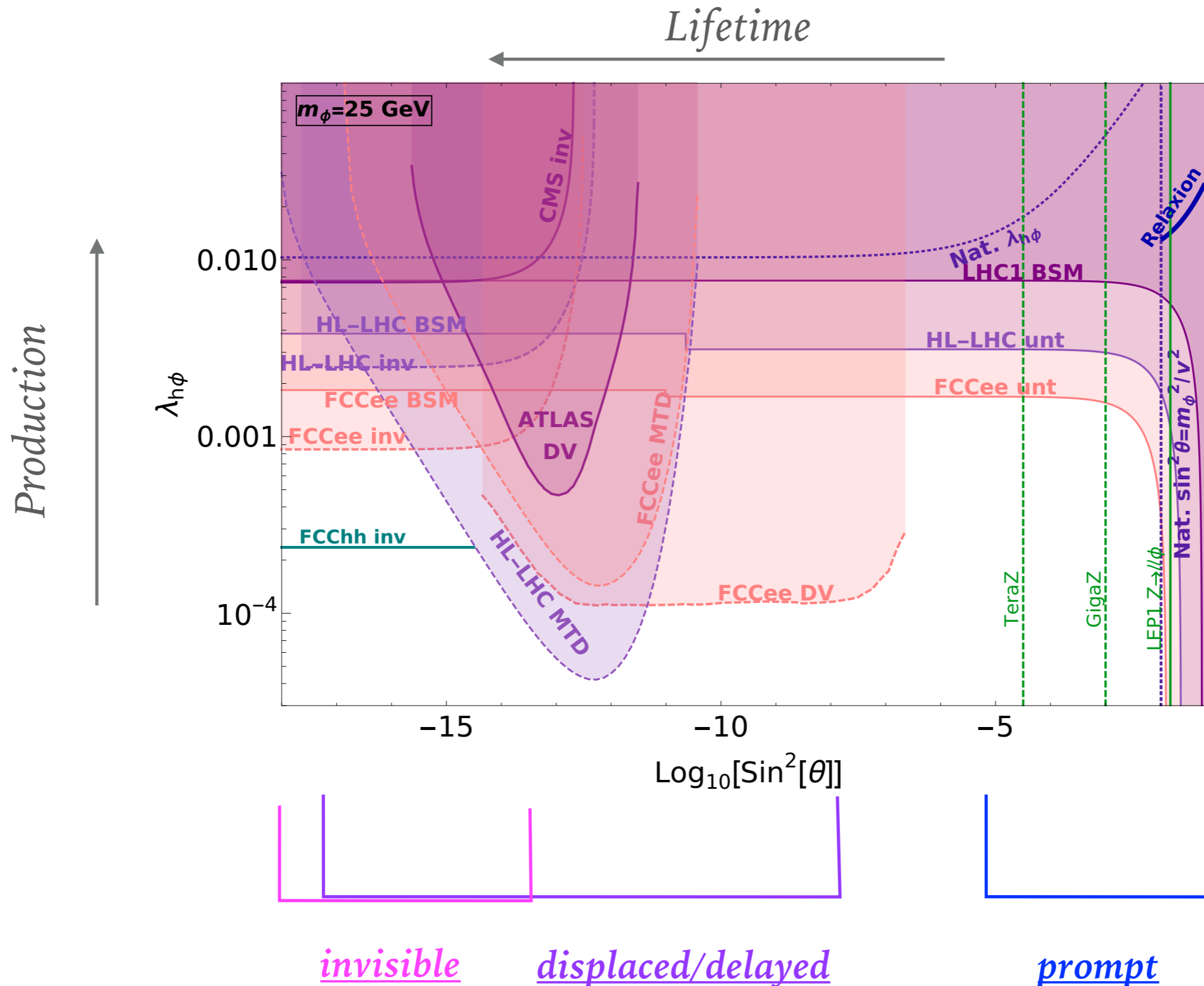
$$r = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \exp \left( -\frac{m_\phi}{c\tau_\phi} \left( \frac{L_{i_1}}{p_{i_1}} + \frac{L_{i_2}}{p_{i_2}} \right) \right)$$



# OVERVIEW: 5 GEV SINGLET



# OVERVIEW: 25 GEV SINGLET



# OVERVIEW: NATURAL SINGLET

➤ Set  $\lambda_{h\phi} = m_\phi^2/v^2 = \hat{\lambda}_{h\phi}^{\text{nat.}}$

prompt

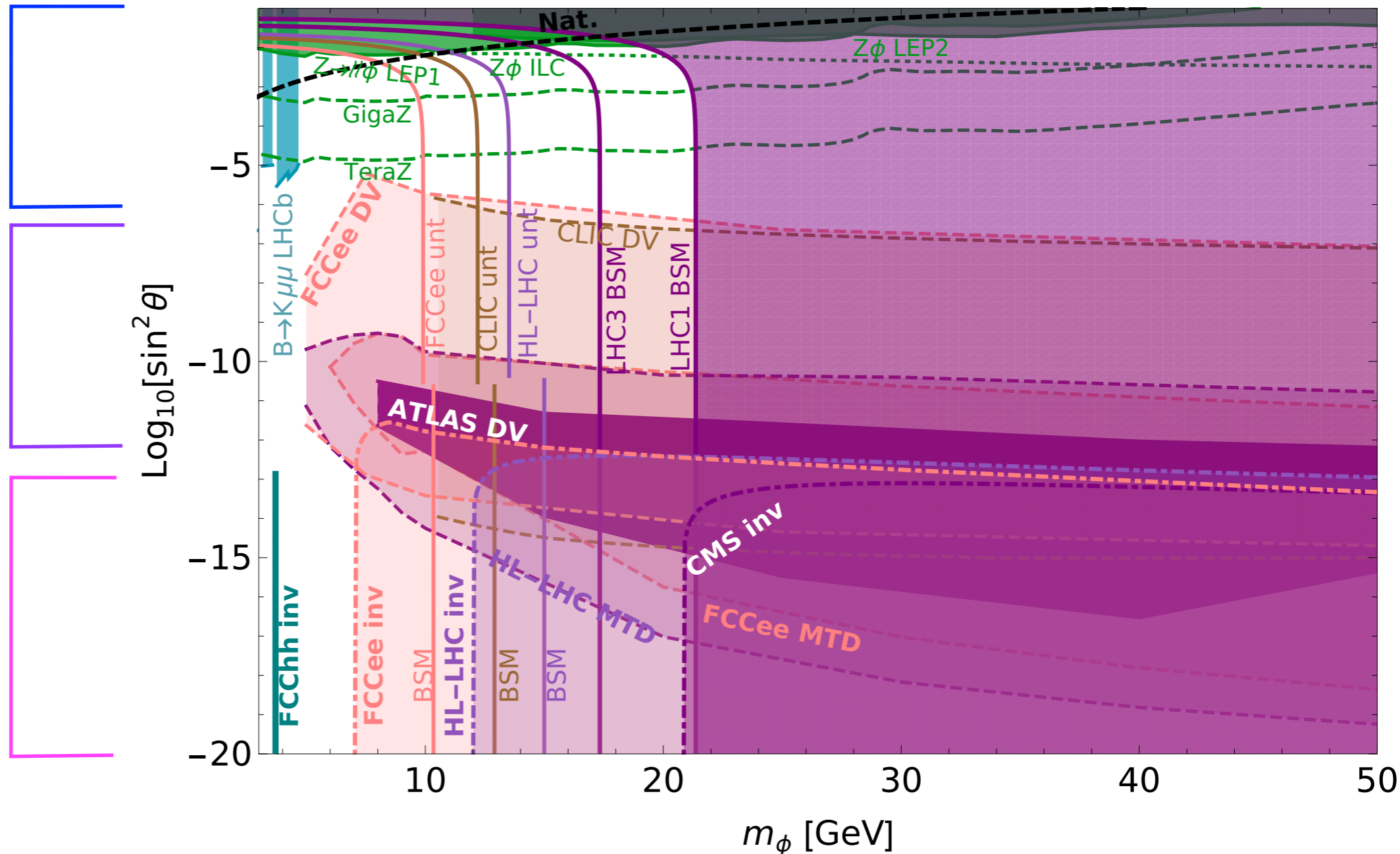
*h* untagged/BSM  
Rare Z decays

displaced/delayed

scalar decays in  
a displaced vertex  
in the detector

invisible

scalar decays  
outside the detector



**THANK YOU!**

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# BACKUP SLIDES

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# SCALAR SINGLET EXTENSION

- Minimal renormalizable extension - (no  $Z_2$ )

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- Relaxion

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$$rg\Lambda^3\Phi \quad -\Lambda^2 H^\dagger H + g\Lambda\Phi H^\dagger H - \tilde{M}^2 \cos\left(\frac{\Phi}{f}\right) H^\dagger H$$

# INDIRECT – HIGGS COUPLING MODIFIERS

- The scalar modifies the Higgs' branchings to SM particles

- Mixing - universal modifier of all Higgs couplings

$$\Gamma_{h \rightarrow f_{SM}} = \kappa^2 \Gamma_{h \rightarrow f_{SM}}^{SM}, \quad \kappa = \cos \theta_{h\phi}$$

- Additional Higgs decay channels:

$$\Gamma_h^{NP} = \Gamma_h^{inv} + \Gamma_h^{unt}$$

- Invisible - missing energy

- Untagged - visible decay products that are not included in any specific search.

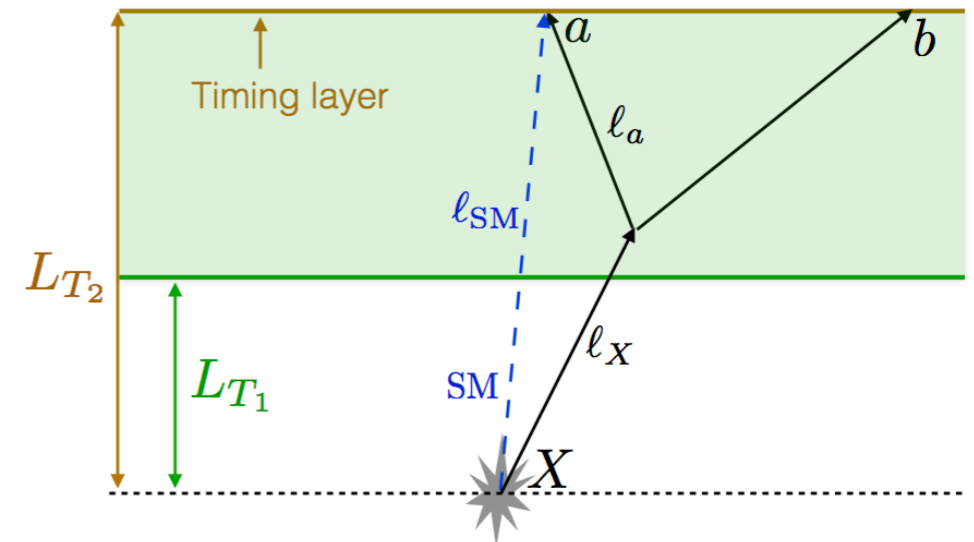
- Constraints given by fits of the signal strength

$$\mu_{if} = \frac{\sigma_{i \rightarrow h} BR_{h \rightarrow f}}{\sigma_{i \rightarrow h}^{SM} BR_{h \rightarrow f}^{SM}} = \kappa^2 \frac{\kappa^2 \Gamma_{h \rightarrow f}^{SM}}{\kappa^2 \Gamma_h^{SM} + \Gamma_h^{NP}} \approx \kappa^2 BR_{h \rightarrow f}^{SM} \left( 1 - BR_h^{NP} \right)$$

# IDENTIFYING DISPLACED DECAYS – TIMING

- Identify a secondary vertex by time delay with respect to a prompt light particle (ISR, prompt decay, etc.)

$$\Delta t \cdot c = \frac{l_x}{\beta_x} + \frac{l_a}{\beta_a} - \frac{l_{SM}}{\beta_{SM}}$$



Jia Liu et al., [1805.05957].

- **Main selections:** time delay + scalar decays between L1 and L2 + decay product reaches the timing layer - **all geometrical in terms of lab-frame scalar decay length.**
- Efficiency calculation can be reduced to -
  - MC generation of event kinematics for each scalar mass (e.g. MadGraph).
  - Analytically calculating the allowed range for  $l_\phi$  for each event kinematics.
  - Calculating the event weight for each proper lifetime
 
$$w = \exp\left(-l_\phi^{\min}/c\tau\gamma_\phi\beta_\phi\right) - \exp\left(-l_\phi^{\max}/c\tau\gamma_\phi\beta_\phi\right)$$