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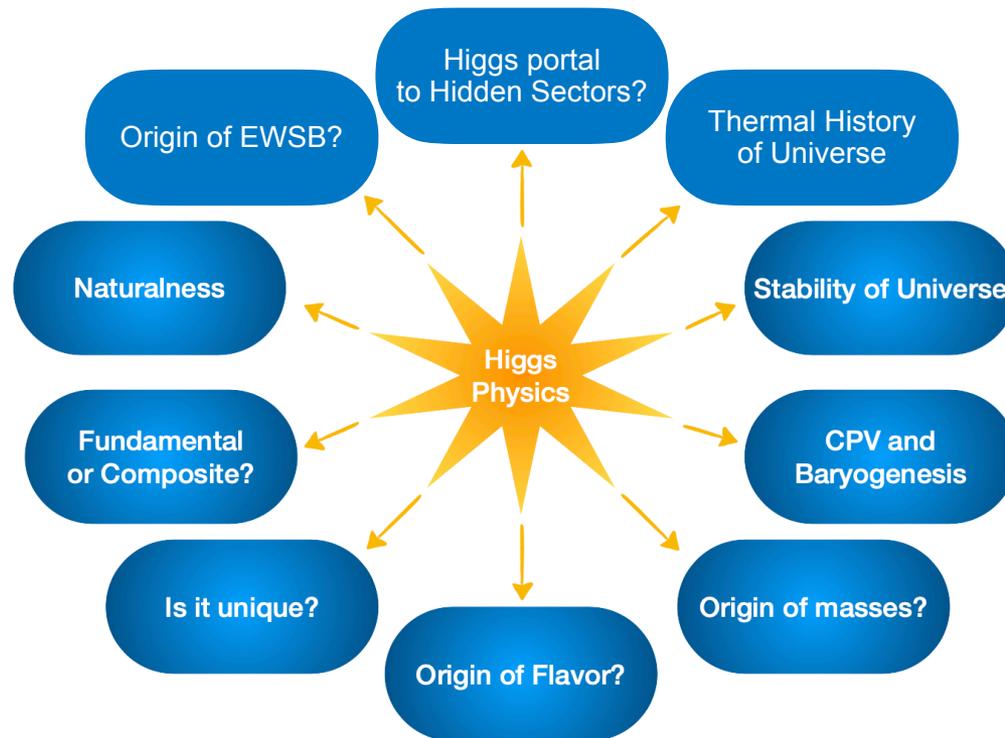
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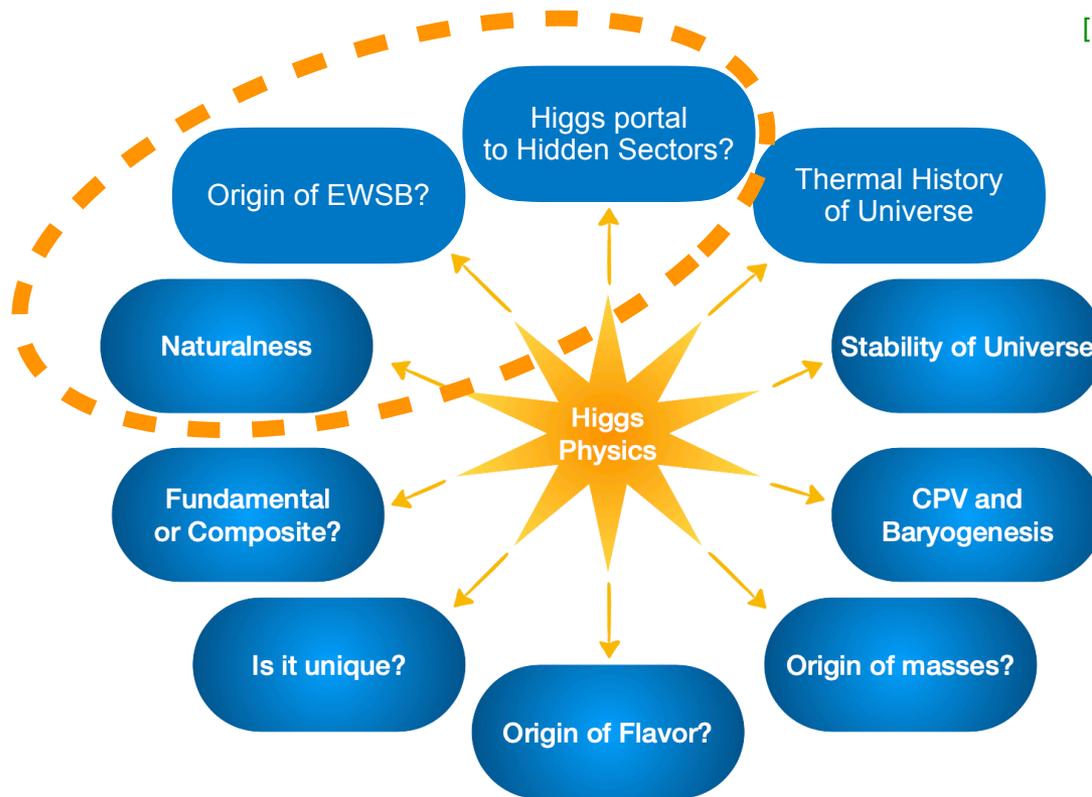
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The Higgs boson is linked to *many* deep questions about fundamental physics

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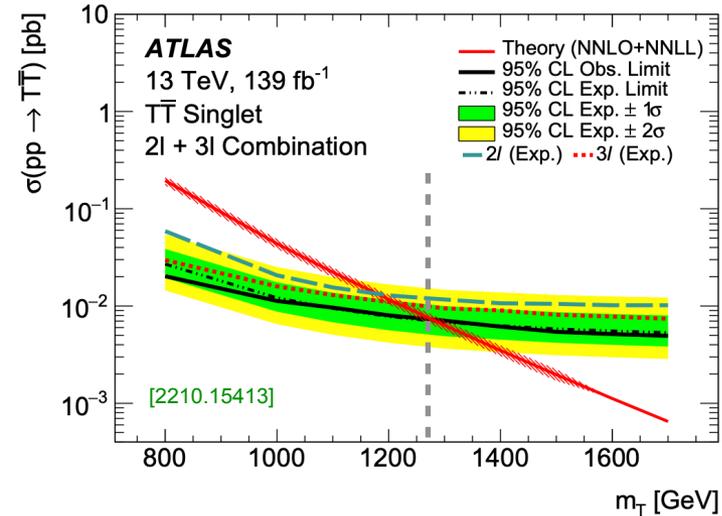
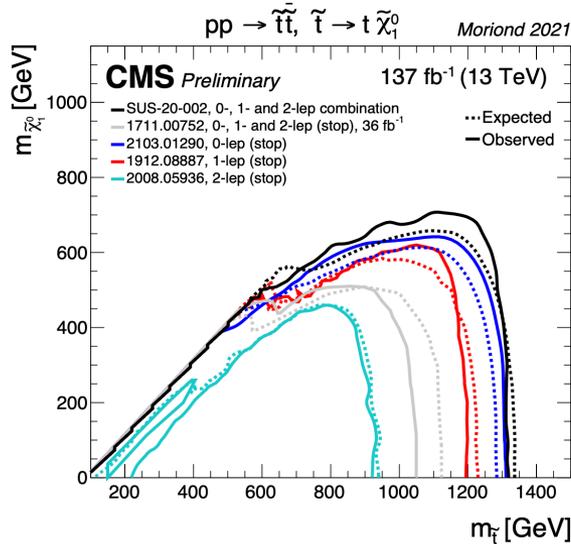
In this talk I will mostly focus on understanding the origin of EWSB.

Can we calculate the Higgs potential? Is the Higgs mass natural?

*In 2023, how can these questions inform measurements/searches at LHC and plans for future accelerators?*

# Naturalness

So far, no signals of top partners (scalars or fermions) @ ATLAS and CMS



Where do we go from here?

- SUSY or compositeness could still be around the corner
- Symmetry-based framework is correct, but key details differ from expectations:  
Neutral Naturalness
- Need a true paradigm shift: cosmological approaches

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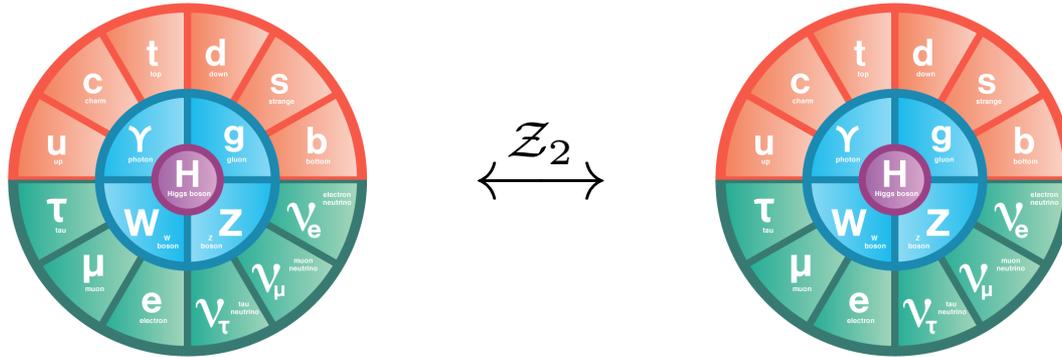
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# Neutral Naturalness: the Twin Higgs

Standard Model

Twin Standard Model



[Chacko, Goh, Harnik 2005]

$$\mathcal{L} = y_t Q H t + \hat{y}_t \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{t}$$



The top partner (*Twin top*) is neutral under whole SM

It can still be sub-TeV

Light QCD-charged states are not needed → naturalness improves

# Twin Higgs at work

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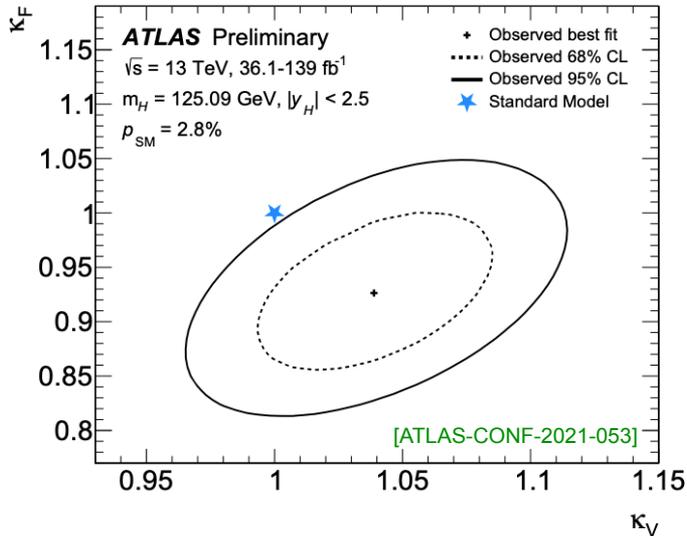
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But not realistic yet:  $\langle h \rangle = 0$  or  $\langle h \rangle = f$

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Many different proposals, but at the price of fine-tuning:  $\Delta \sim \frac{v^2}{f^2} \lesssim 10\%$

*minimal tuning*

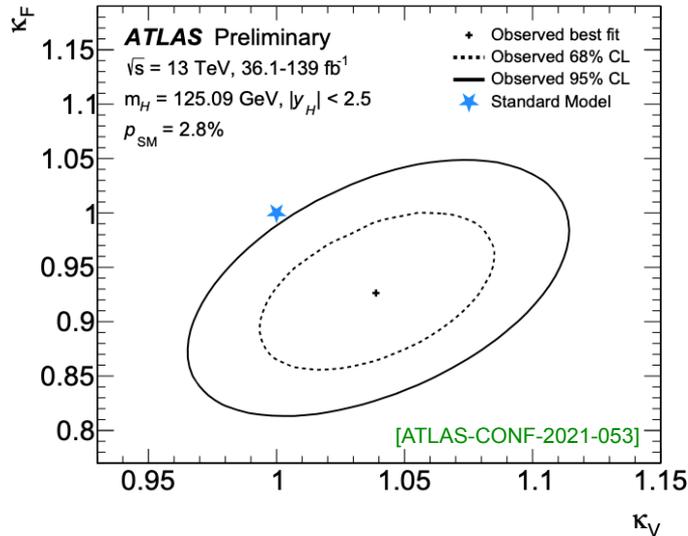
Increasingly pressing problem for Goldstone Higgs models

(Composite Higgs, Twin Higgs, ...)

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Recent idea to generate this **without tuning**: Gegenbauer Goldstones

[Durieux, McCullough, Salvioni 2110.06941 + 2202.01228 + 2209.00666]

Shape of Higgs potential is strongly modified compared to SM

→ **prediction**: parametrically enhanced Higgs self-coupling deviations

# Inspiration: Abelian Goldstone

For a single  $U(1)$  Goldstone boson,  
we know a simple way to get a small vev

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Phi^* \partial^\mu \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^* \Phi - f^2)^2$$



Explicit breaking from operator of charge  $n$

$$\delta V = \frac{\epsilon \lambda}{f^{n-4}} \Phi^n + \text{h.c.}$$

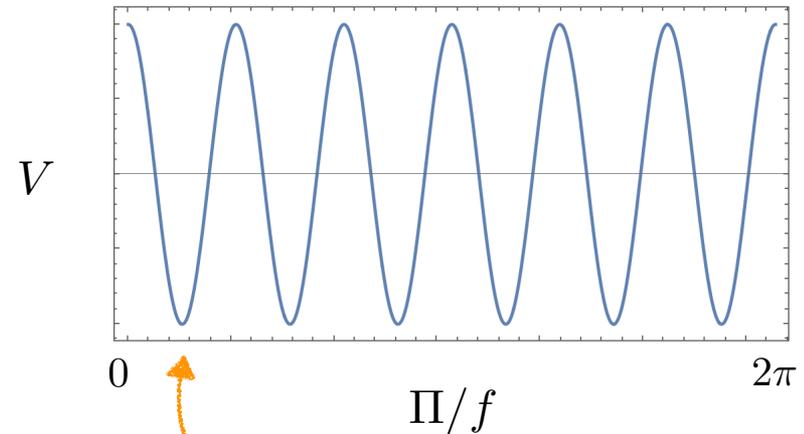


$$\Phi = f e^{i\Pi/f}$$

$$\delta V \sim \epsilon \lambda f^4 \cos\left(\frac{n\Pi}{f}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_n : \quad \Pi \rightarrow \Pi + \frac{2\pi}{n} f$$

(example:  $n = 6$ )



$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} = \frac{\pi}{n} \ll 1$$



# Non-Abelian Goldstones: the Higgs case

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How to get a small vev naturally?

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Explicit breaking to  $SO(N)$  by  $n$  - index symmetric tensor irrep of  $SO(N + 1)$

$$\delta V = \frac{\epsilon \lambda}{f^{n-4}} K_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \Phi_{i_1} \dots \Phi_{i_n} \quad \text{irrep} \rightarrow \text{traceless}$$

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Similar to  
Abelian case:

$$\Phi = e^{i\Pi^a T^a / f} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0}_N \\ f \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \sin \frac{\Pi}{f} \frac{\vec{\Pi}}{f} \\ f \cos \frac{\Pi}{f} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Pi \equiv \sqrt{\vec{\Pi}^T \vec{\Pi}}$$



Leopold Gegenbauer

$$\delta V = \epsilon \lambda f^4 G_n^{(N-1)/2} (\cos \Pi / f)$$

potential is a  
Gegenbauer polynomial



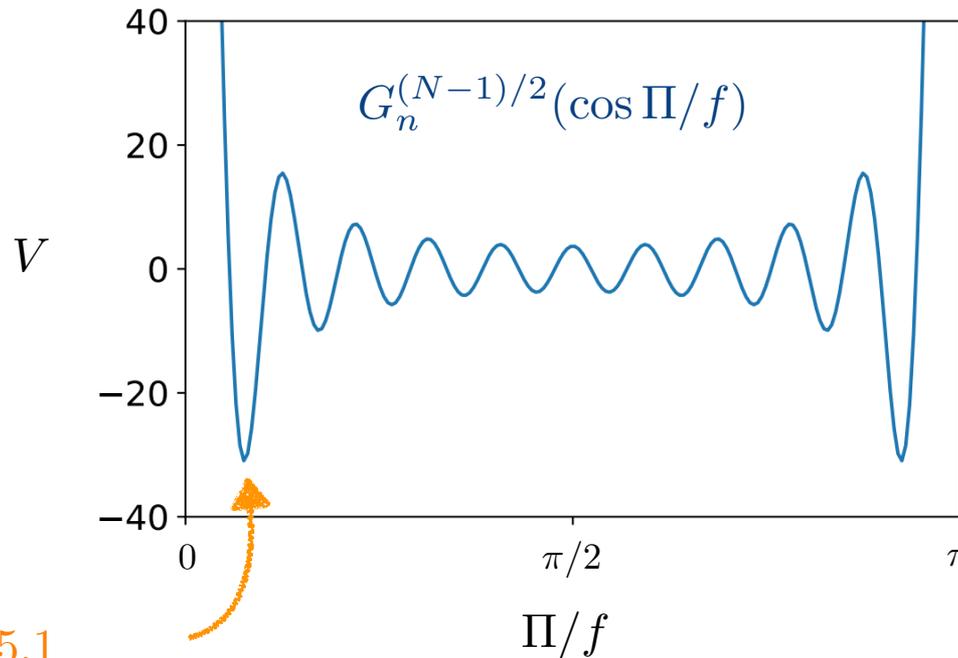
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# The shape of Gegenbauers



$$N = 4$$

$$SO(5)/SO(4)$$

Even  $n$   
( $n = 20$ )

$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} \approx \frac{5.1}{n} \ll 1$$

Differently from Abelian case,  
**not periodic!** (only approximately)

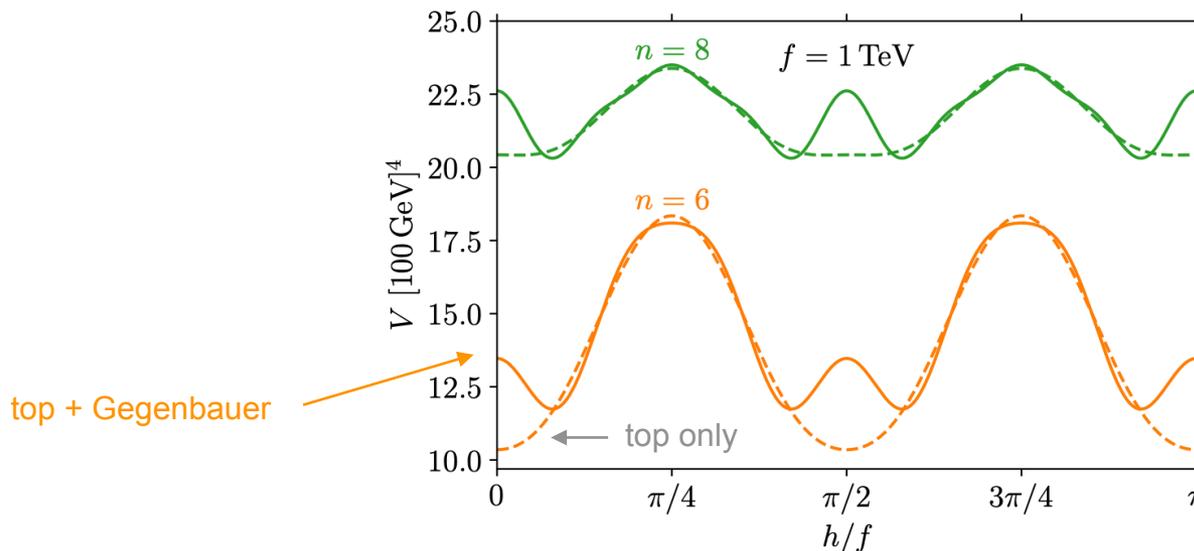
A radiatively stable way to generate  
a small vev for a Goldstone Higgs

# Gegenbauer's *Twin*

- Twin Higgs mechanism generates small potential:  $m_h \approx 125$  GeV is natural
- Gegenbauer potential generates small vev:  $v \ll f$  is natural

Marry the two: *Gegenbauer's Twin*

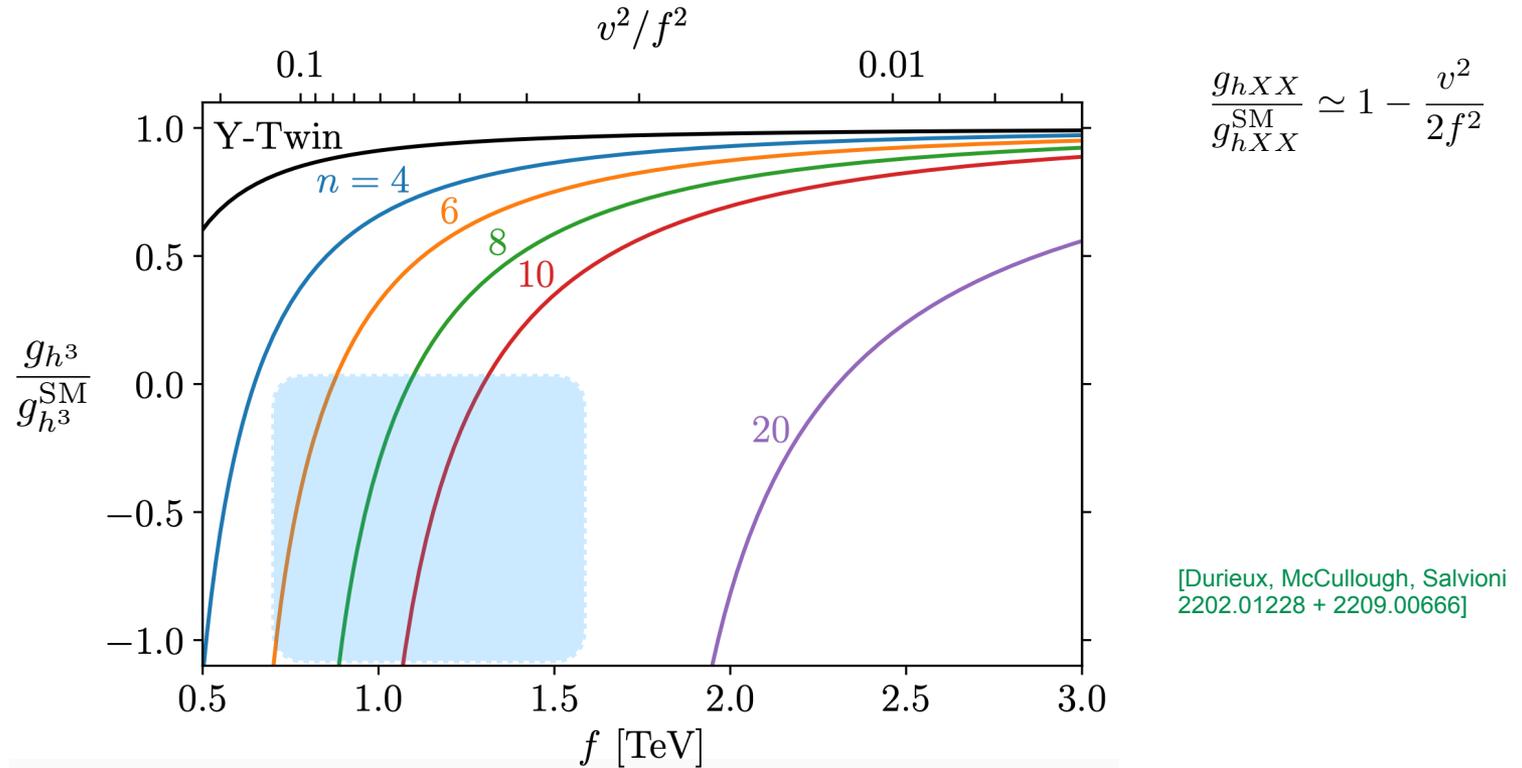
Fully natural electroweak breaking, yet hiding from LHC so far!



Gegenbauer's Twin with  
 $n = 6$  or  $n = 8$  and  $f \sim 1$  TeV  
has essentially no tuning

# The Higgs self-coupling

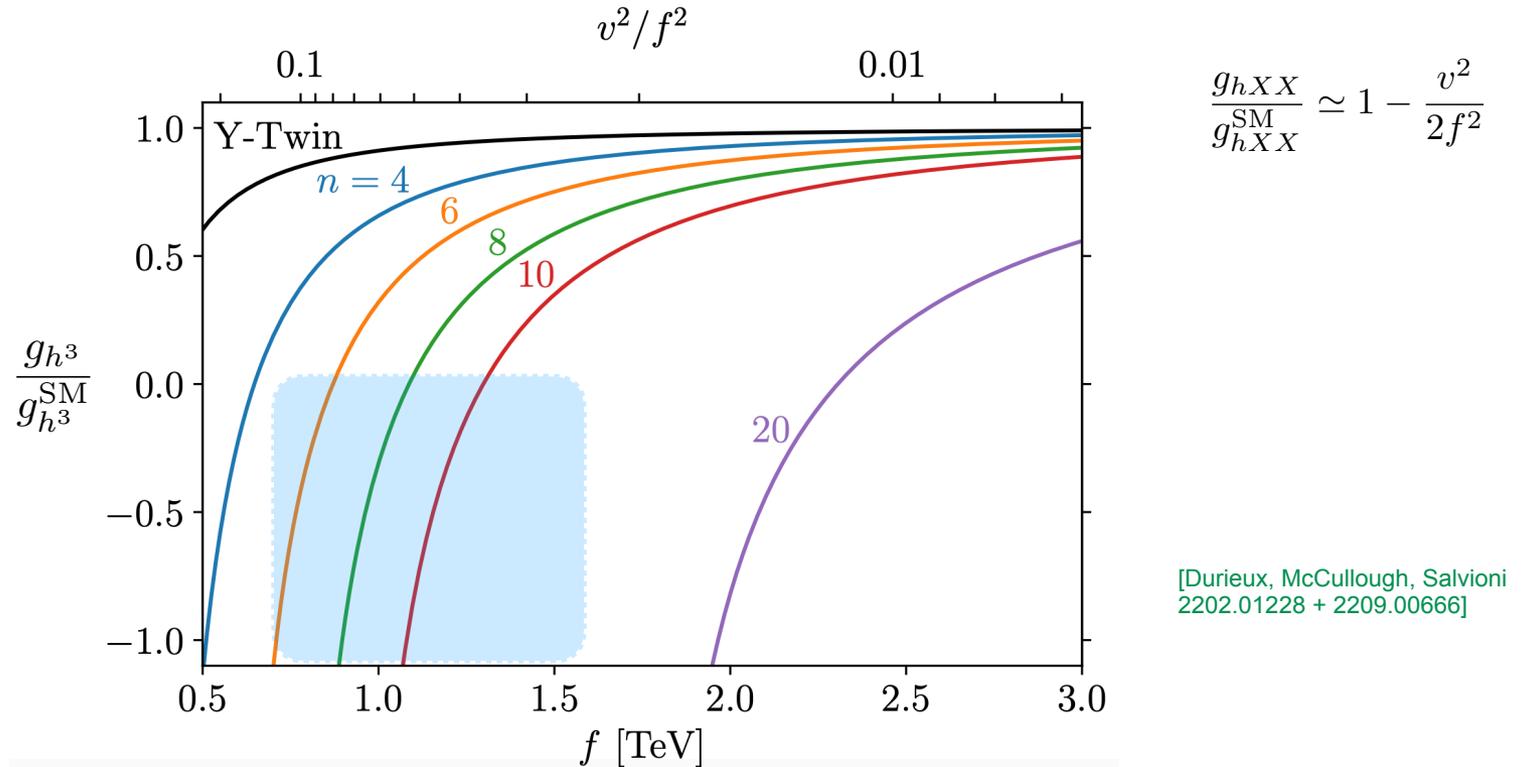
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Smoking gun signal: could be the **first** deviation from SM observed at LHC

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- Gegenbauer's Twin is proof of principle that **fully natural electroweak breaking** can still be compatible with LHC results
- Example of model where measurements of  $h^3$  break new ground

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- Example: the relaxion

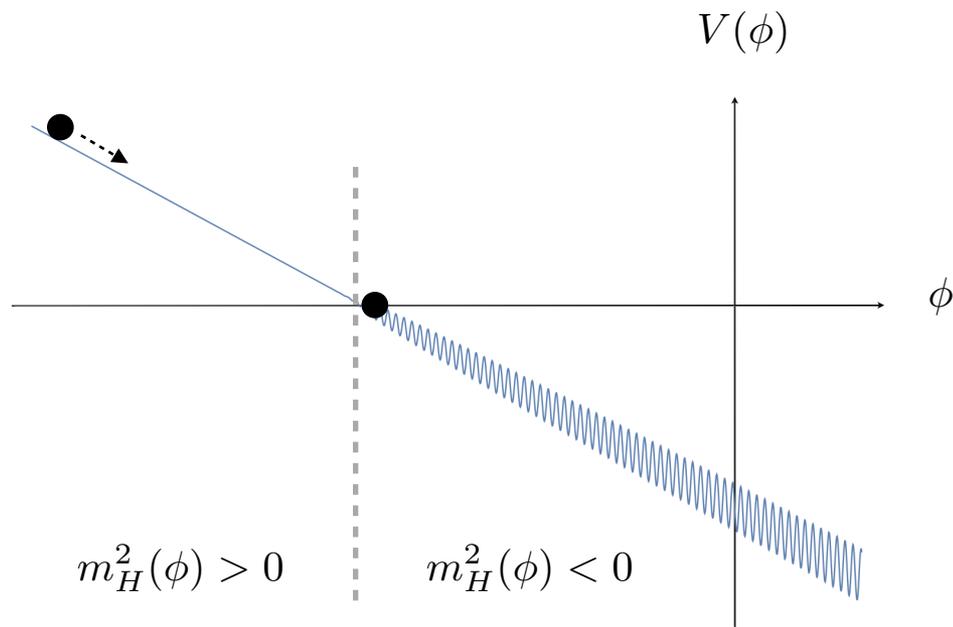
$$\mathcal{L} \supset (-\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2 + g\phi)H^\dagger H + \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \frac{\phi}{f} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}$$

Wiggles are generated when  
Higgs mass parameter crosses zero

$$V_b = \Lambda^4 \cos(\phi/f)$$

$$\Lambda^4 \sim 4\pi f_{\tilde{\pi}}^3 \frac{Y\tilde{Y}\langle h \rangle^2}{M}$$

(example: dark QCD model)



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- Several other proposals for dynamical selection

[Arkani-Hamed et al. 1607.06821]  
[Csáki, D'Agnolo, Geller, Ismail 2007.14396]  
[Arkani-Hamed, D'Agnolo, Kim 2012.04652]  
[D'Agnolo, Teresi 2106.04591 + 2109.13249]  
[Csáki, Ismail, Ruhdorfer, Tooby-Smith 2210.02456]  
...

They require new physics coupled to the Higgs, at or below weak scale  
(but *not* in the form traditional naturalness expects!)

- **Light (Higgs-mixed) scalars** are a common occurrence, bolstering motivations for searches

# Light Higgs-mixed scalar

Add to SM a real scalar  $S$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}} = -\frac{1}{2}\tilde{m}_S^2 S^2 - V_{\text{int}}(S) - \mu S H^\dagger H - \frac{\lambda_{SH}}{2} S^2 H^\dagger H$$

mixing between  $S$  and  $h$  :  
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This simple setup is motivated by variety of new physics scenarios  
(beyond cosmological naturalness)

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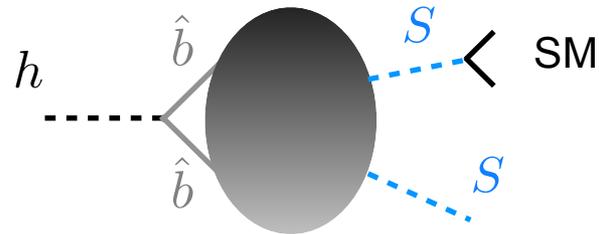
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Neutral Naturalness again: light dark sector in Twin Higgs

dark QCD without light matter



glueballs are lightest hadrons,  
 lightest glueball is  $\hat{G}_{0^{++}} \simeq S$



dark parton shower  
 and hadronization

[Craig, Katz, Strassler,  
 Sundrum 2015]  
 + many others

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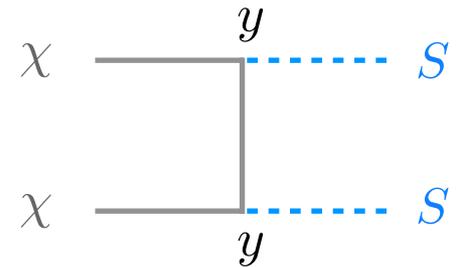
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$S$  can mediate dark matter freeze out:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} = -\frac{y}{2} S \chi \chi$$

(Majorana) fermion DM



$(m_\chi > m_S)$

[Evans, Gori, Shelton 2017]

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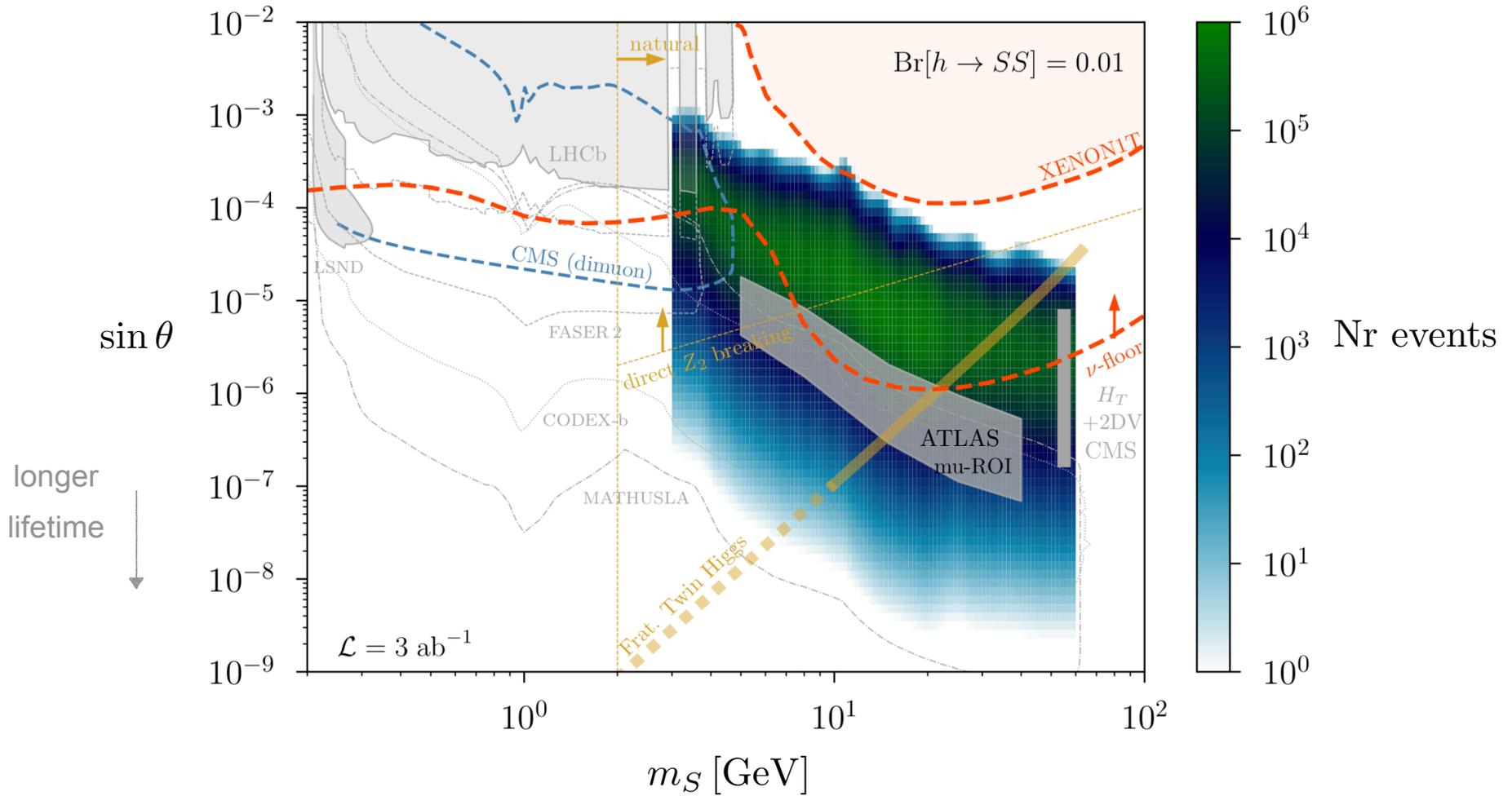
Light scalar has mostly-hadronic decays,  
and **macroscopic lifetime** in vast region of parameter space

Development of **LLP-dedicated triggers and search strategies** at LHC is flourishing



# Light scalar: parameter space

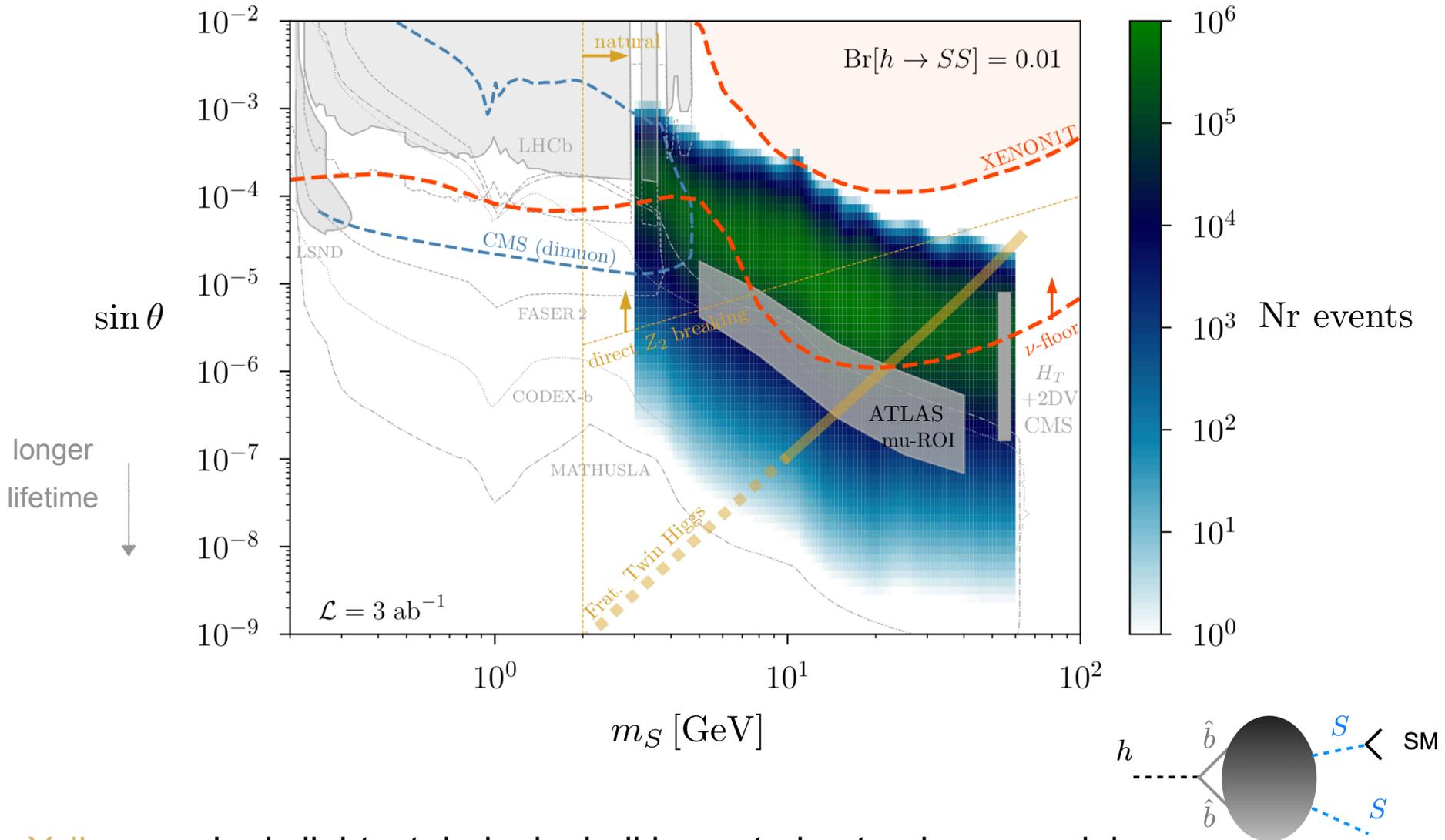
[Gershtein, Knapen, Redigolo 2012.07864]



**Red:** thermal dark matter region assuming  $m_\chi = 3m_S$  as benchmark

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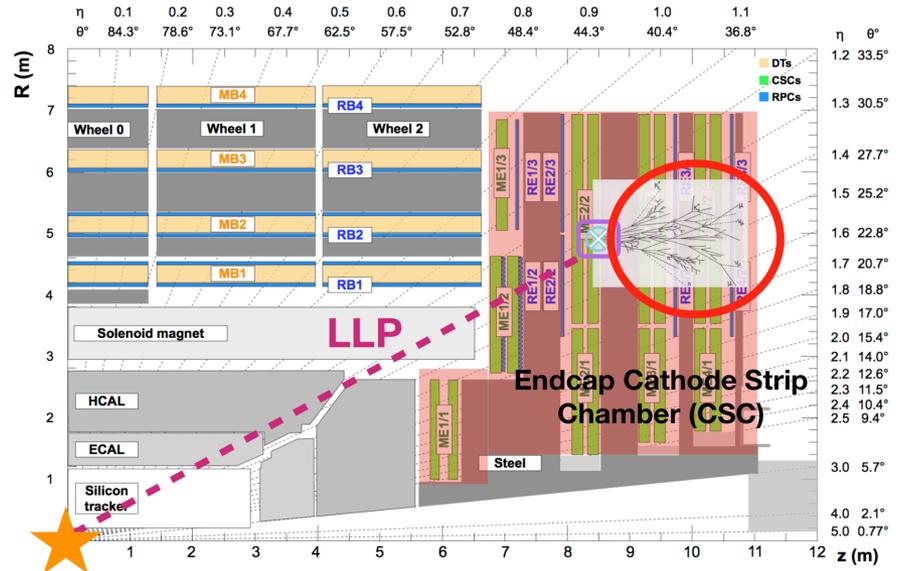


Yellow: scalar is lightest dark glueball in neutral naturalness model

# LLPs in CMS endcaps

Qualitatively new approach:  
CMS search for  
LLPs in endcap muon detectors

[CMS 2107.04838]

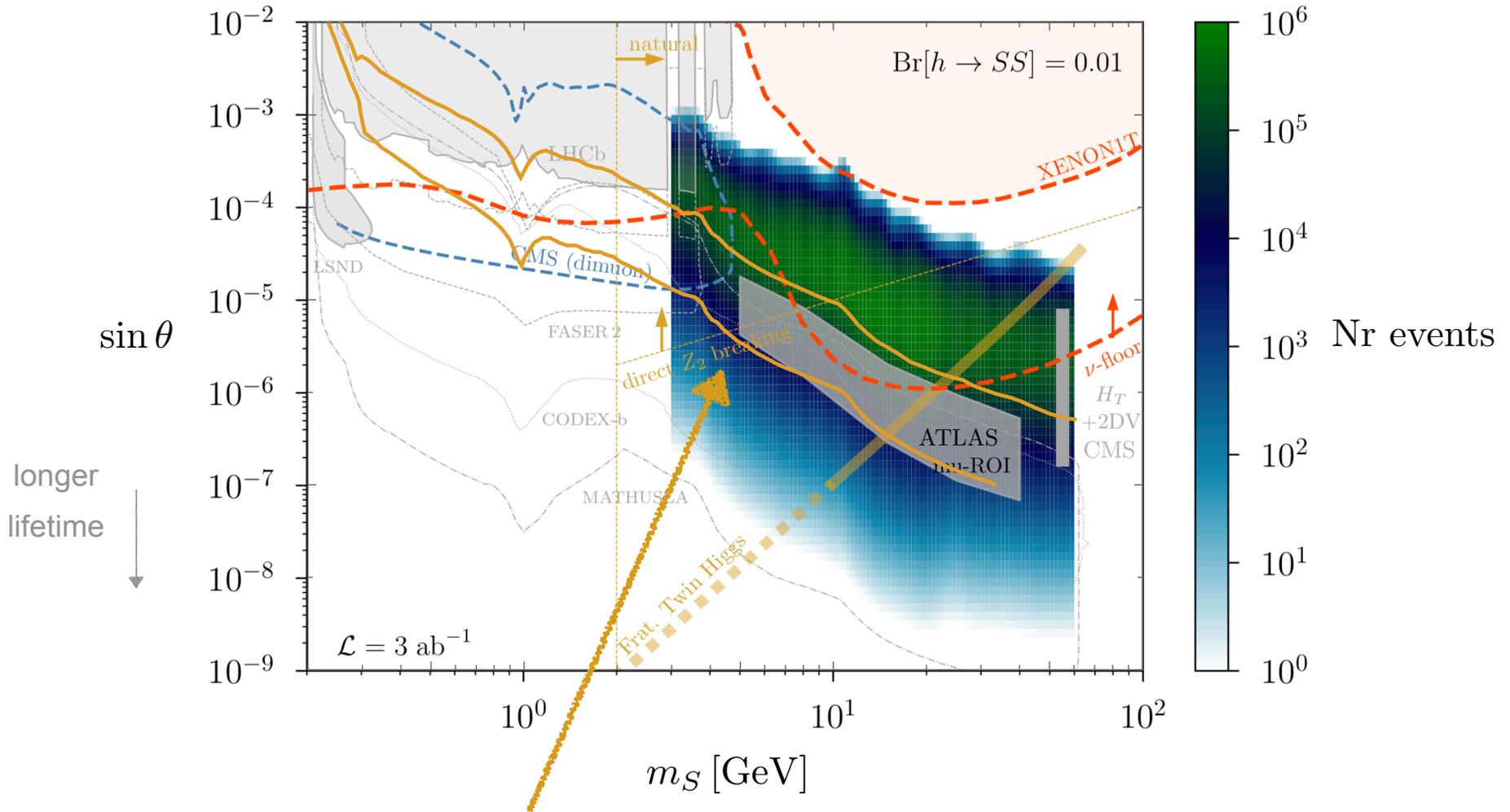


trigger on MET

$$p_T^{\text{miss}} > 200 \text{ GeV (offline)}$$

- Background very suppressed by shielding, sensitive to single LLP decay  $\rightarrow$  longer lifetimes
- Calorimetric measurement  $\rightarrow$  retains sensitivity at lower LLP mass

# Recast to singlet parameter space



Probes complementary region, with smaller mixing

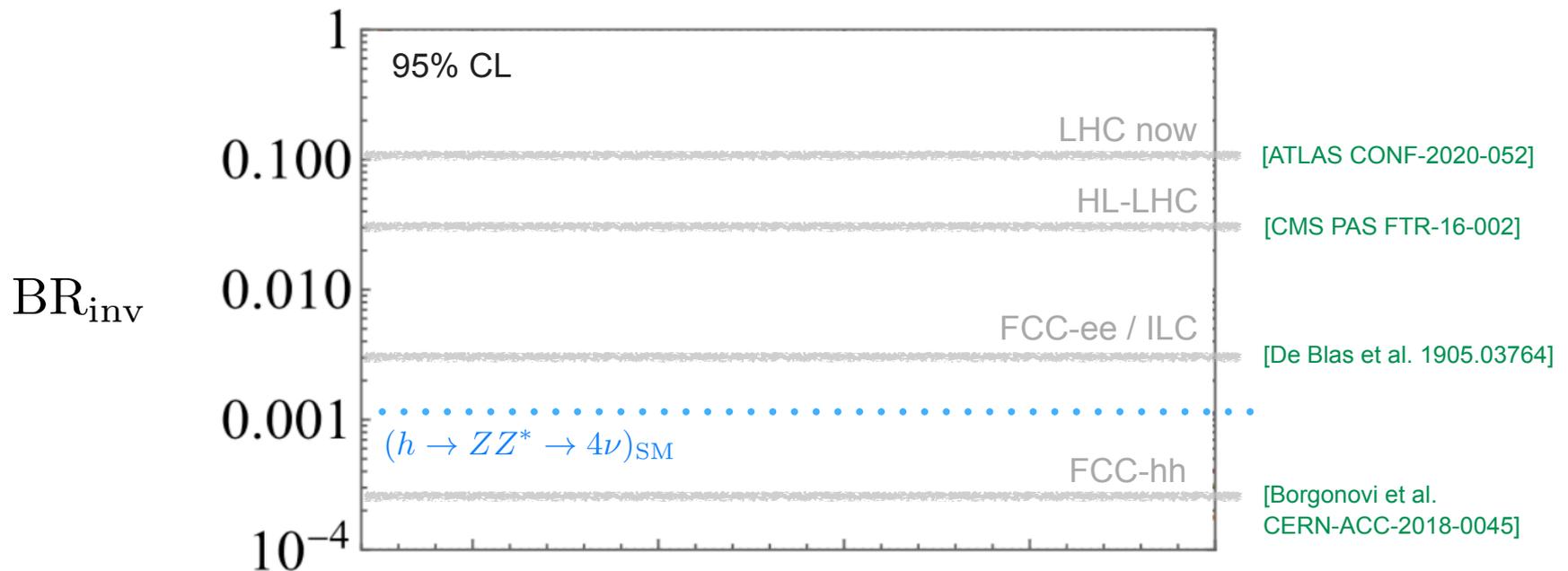
Reach extends to sub-GeV masses

[Mitridate, Papucci, Wang, Peña, Xie 2304.06109]

# Invisible Higgs decays

- For small couplings/masses, Higgs decay products just escape detector  
 $h \rightarrow$  invisible is relevant for huge class of **light new physics models**
- Present and projected sensitivity on  $BR_{inv}$  :

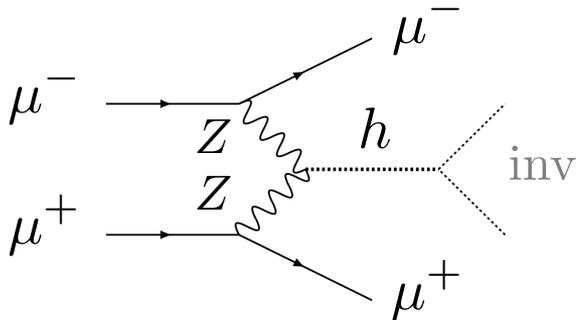
[talks by Wielers, Robson, Pilkington]



Where does the **Muon Collider** fit here?

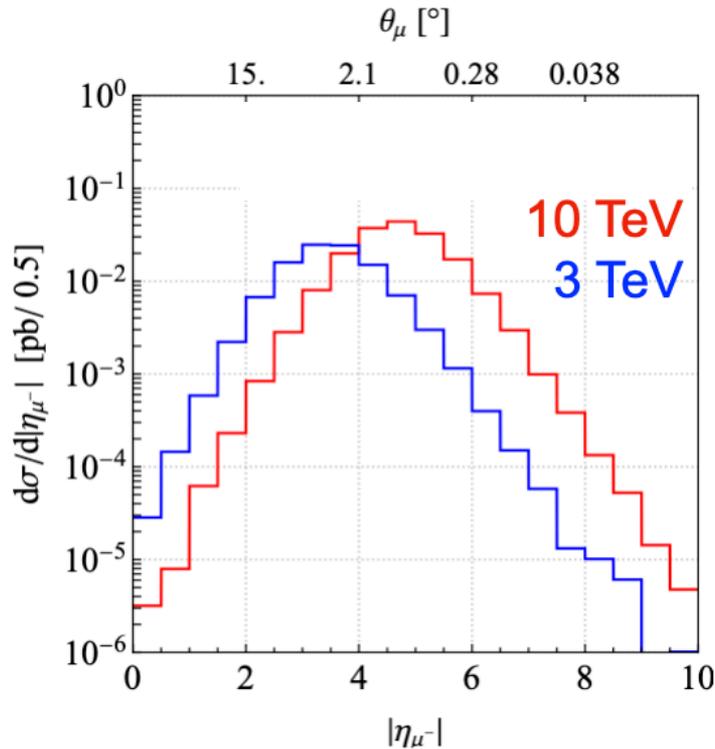
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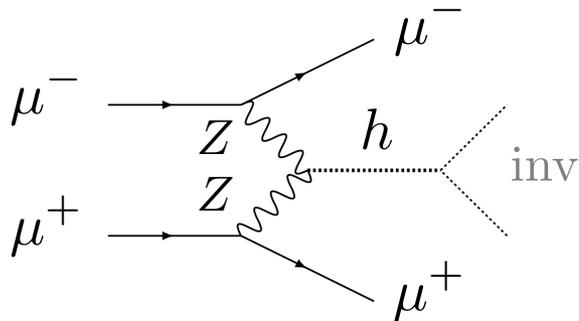
(WW fusion produces fully invisible final state)

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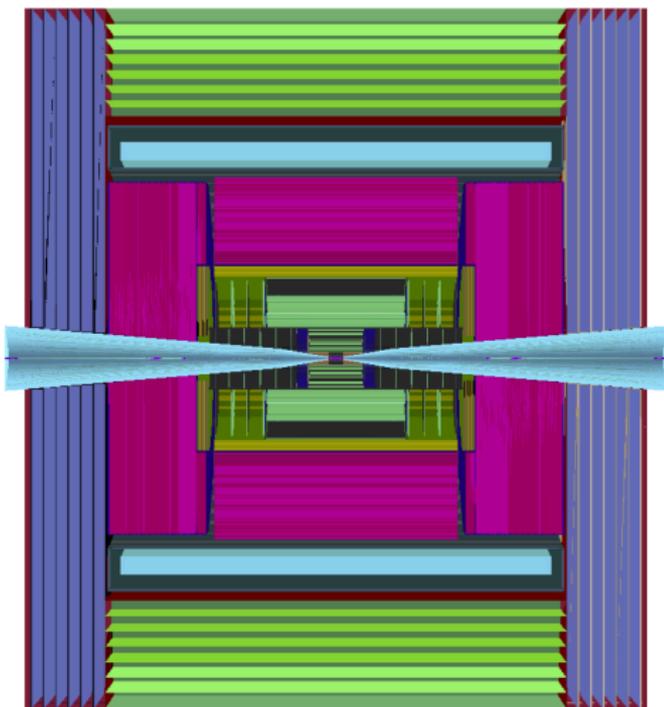


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However, **cone-shaped tungsten nozzles** are needed to shield detector from beam-induced background (BIB)

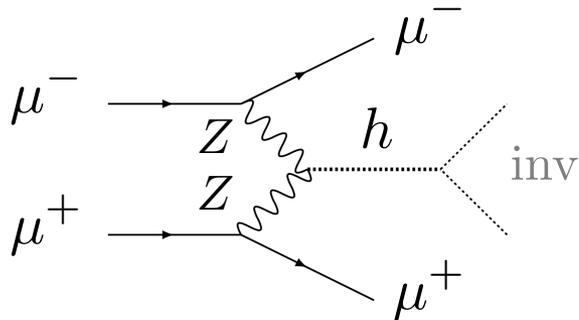
Nozzles limit detector acceptance to  $\theta > 10^\circ$



[IMCC 2203.07964]

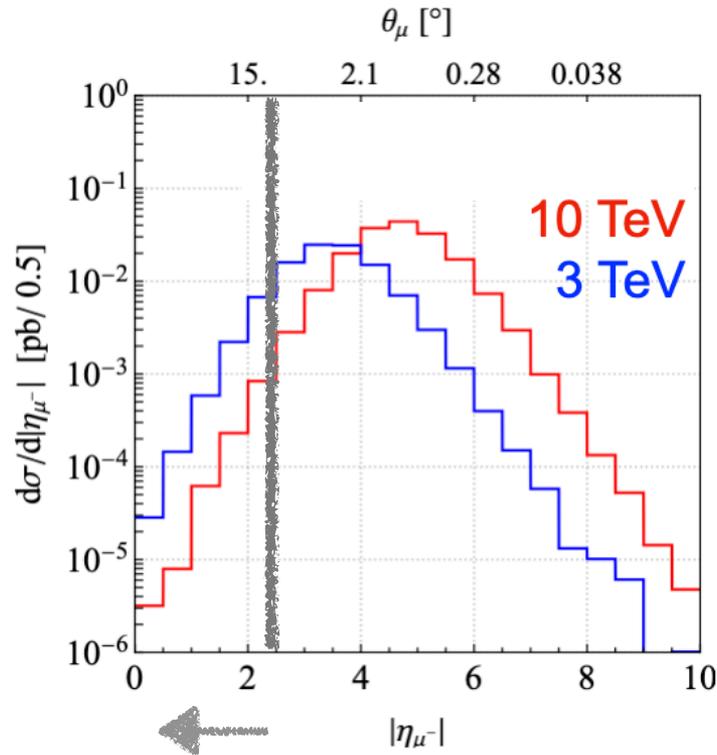
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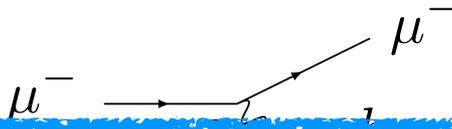
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Hope is not lost: muons traverse shielding

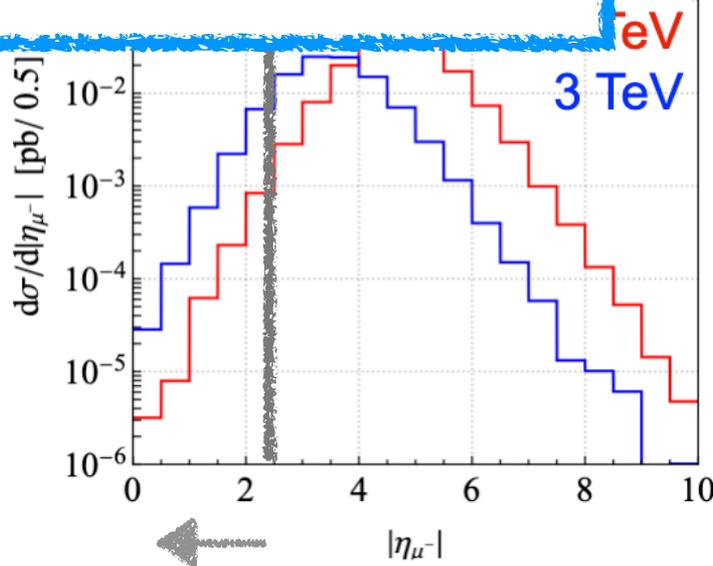
→ plan for dedicated detector in forward region?

Essential for  $h \rightarrow \text{inv}$  and many signals with invisible particles.

Identify physics cases & fwd detector performance requirements

[Ruhdorfer, Salvioni, Wulzer 2303.14202 + in progress]

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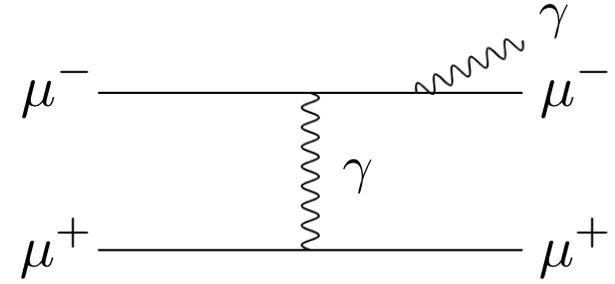
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## Backgrounds

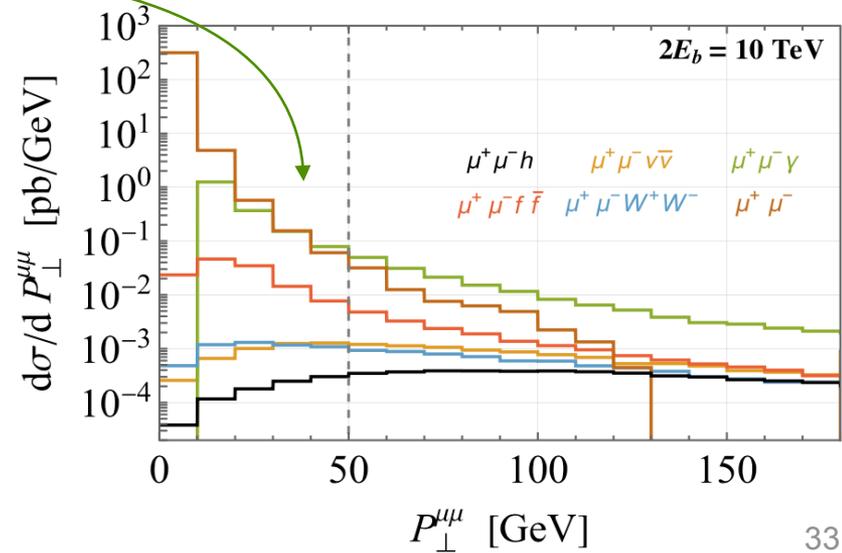
1. Neutrinos:  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- \nu \bar{\nu}$
2. SM Higgs:  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- (h \rightarrow 4\nu)$
3. Two muons + lost objects:  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- X$

$X$  is outside central detector,  $|\eta| > 2.44$   
or soft,  $p_{\perp} < 20$  GeV

Largest contributions from  $X = \gamma, f\bar{f}, W^+W^-$



Require  $P_{\perp}^{\mu\mu} > 50$  GeV  
to suppress photon background



# Beam and detector effects

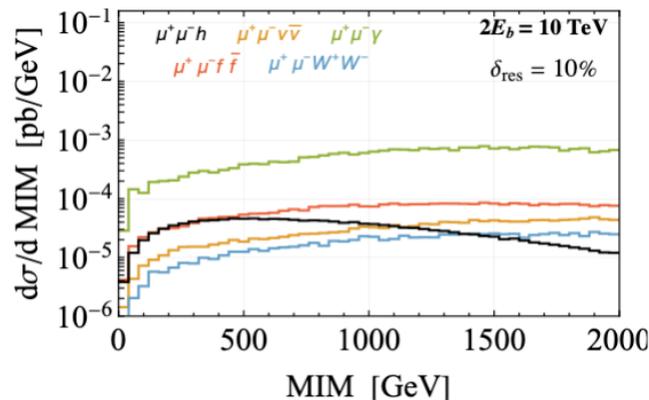
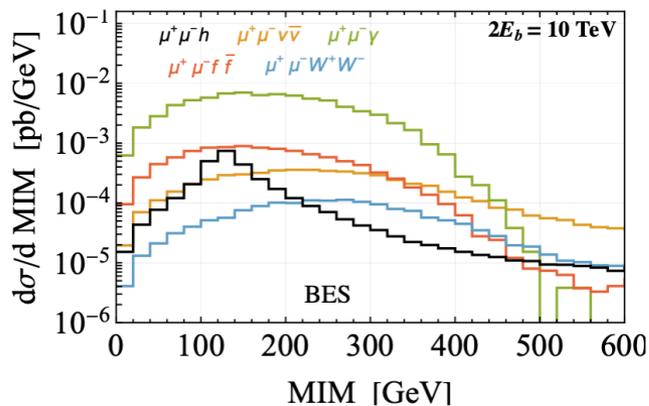
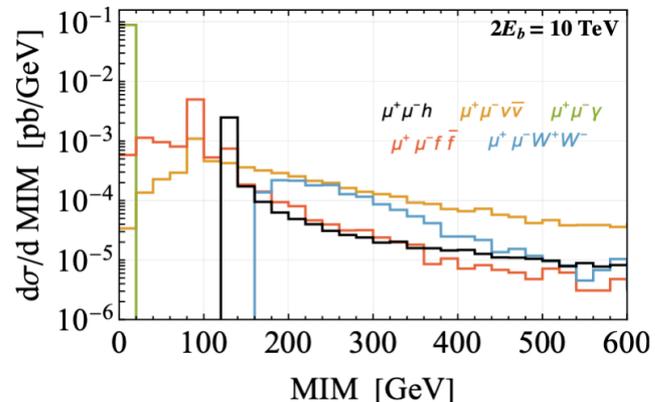
Truth level

Beam energy spread of 0.1%



Finite resolution in measurement of muon energies  $\delta_{\text{res}} = 10\%^*$

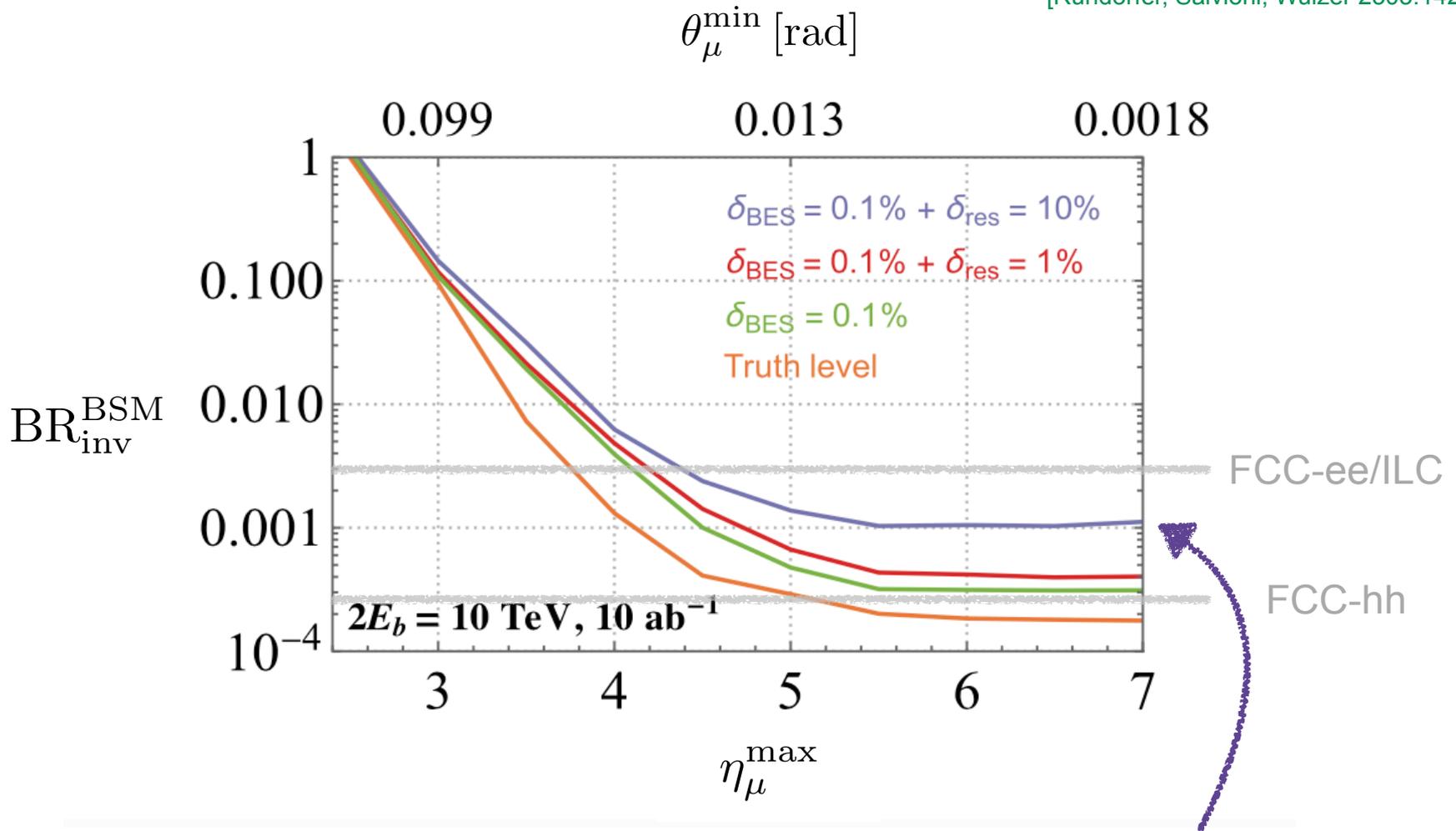
MIM does not discriminate anymore



\* inspired by initial results of IMCC studies on muon propagation: [KITP talk] by Daniele Calzolari, 03/2023

# Sensitivity on Higgs $\rightarrow$ invisible

[Ruhdorfer, Salvioni, Wulzer 2303.14202]



- With 10% resolution on forward muon energy, just reach the SM value
- $\eta_{max} = 5$  or 6 is needed for optimal sensitivity

# Final message

- Light new physics coupled to the Higgs is strongly motivated by alternative approaches to Naturalness problem (cosmological selection, Neutral Naturalness)
- Not a single sharp prediction, but still useful guidance.  
Signatures are often in common with other key questions (e.g. light dark matter)
- Effective search strategies require thinking outside the box,  
both at the (HL-) LHC and at future colliders: detectors, trigger, analyses

**Backup slides**

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Indeed, Gegenbauers satisfy differential equation

$$G_n^{\alpha''} + 2\alpha \cot \frac{\Pi}{f} G_n^{\alpha'} + n(n+2\alpha) G_n^{\alpha} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{N-1}{2}$$

Radiative corrections do not alter functional form

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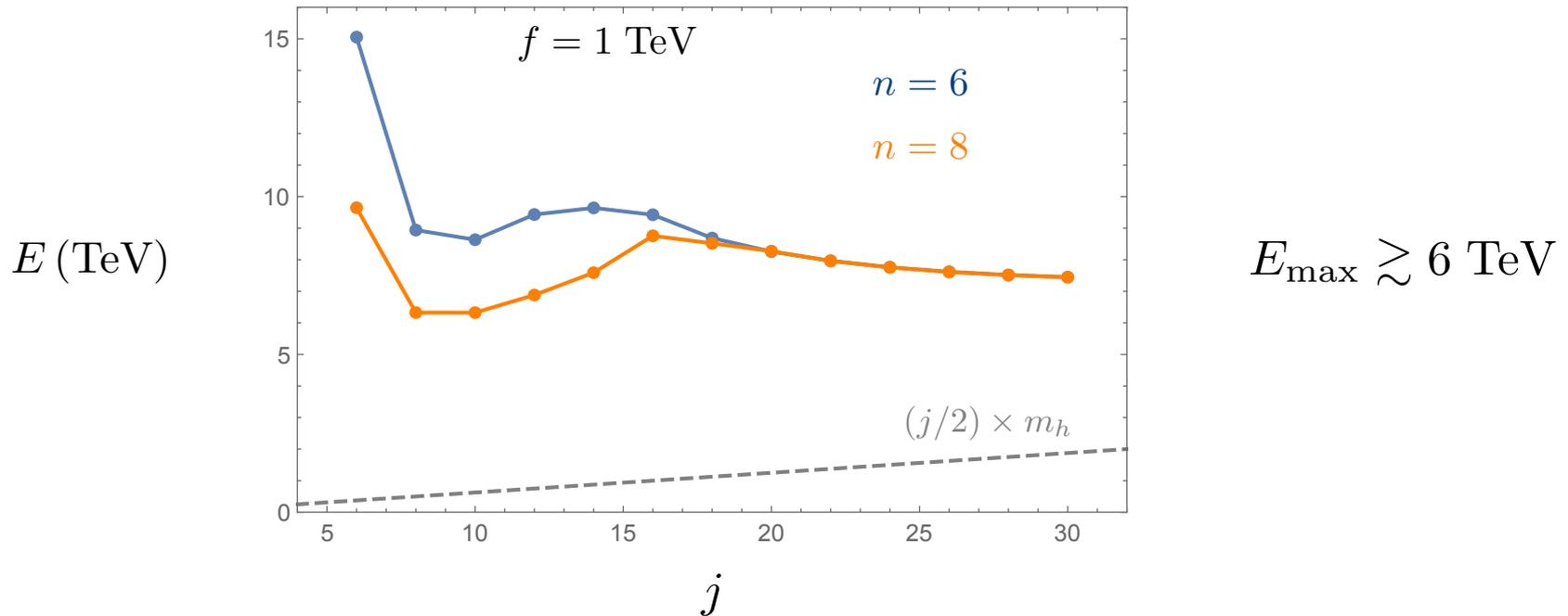
Abelian case is recovered for  $N = 1$ :

$$G'' \propto G$$



$$G = \cos \frac{n\Pi}{f}$$

# Perturbative unitarity



Following [Chang, Luty 1902.05556], we estimate perturbative unitarity bounds from  $h^{j/2} \rightarrow h^{j/2}$  scattering processes (even  $j$ )

Slightly stronger constraints can be obtained by including would-be Goldstones, after restoring gauge invariant form through  $h \rightarrow X = \sqrt{2H^\dagger H} - v_A$

# Gegenbauers from irreps

$$\tilde{\phi} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0}_N \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider scalar function

$$|t\phi - \tilde{\phi}|^{1-N} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n K_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \phi^{i_1} \dots \phi^{i_n}$$

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Taylor expansion

$$K_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{\partial^n \phi^{1-N}}{\partial \phi_{i_1} \dots \partial \phi_{i_n}} \Big|_{\tilde{\phi}}$$

traceless, because Laplacian vanishes away from origin

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Gegenbauer polynomials from explicit  $SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$  breaking

# Gegenbauer?

Gegenbauer polynomials can be seen as generalization of Legendre polynomials to  $D \neq 3$  spatial dimensions

$$D = 3$$

$$SO(3) \rightarrow SO(2)$$

multipole expansion of axi-symmetric  
function of spacetime coordinates

$$f(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} c_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

$$(m = 0)$$

They appear in many areas of physics, for example in the expansion of conformal blocks in  $\text{CFT}_d$

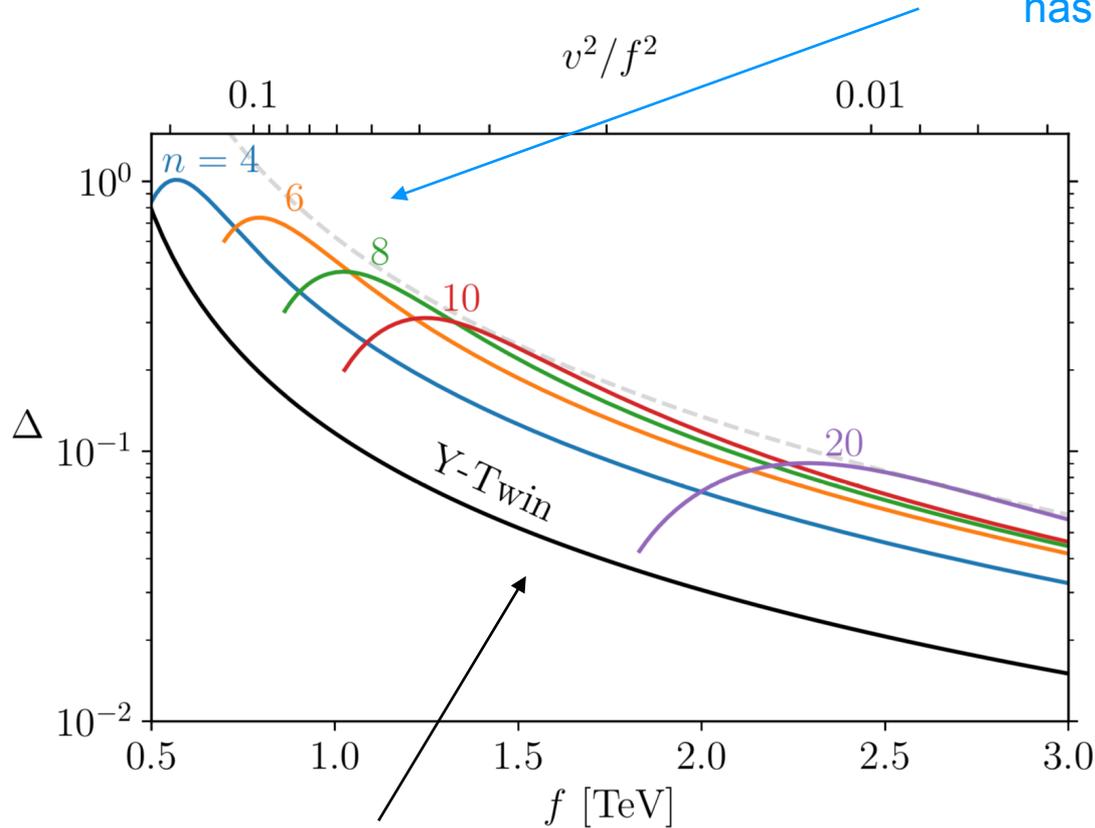
[Hogervorst, Rychkov 2013]

Here, they arise from explicit breaking of **internal symmetry**  $SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$ , variables are pNGB fields

# Gegenbauer's *Twin*

Fine tuning:

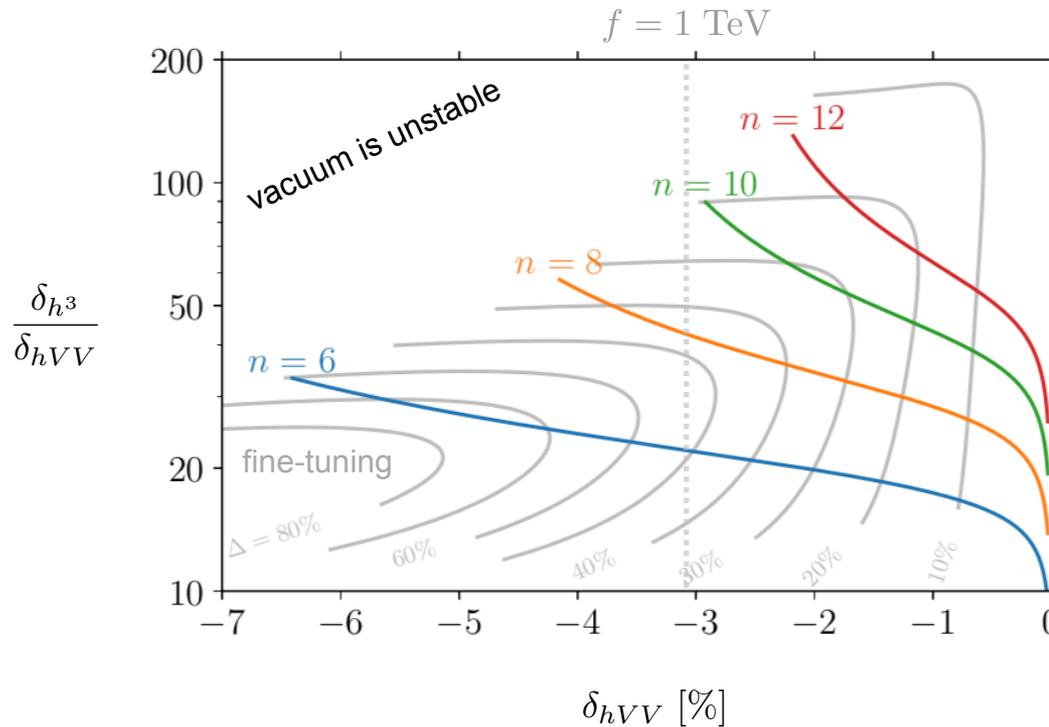
Gegenbauer's Twin with  $n = 6$  or  $n = 8$  and  $f \sim 1$  TeV has essentially no tuning



standard Twin Higgs model (Twin hypercharge not gauged)

# Back to $\delta_{h^3}/\delta_{hVV}$ ratio

$$\delta_{hVV} \simeq -\frac{v^2}{2f^2}$$



A ratio between 10 and 100 is generic in parameter space of Gegenbauer's Twin

A class of naturalness models where  $h^3$  measurements probe new ground

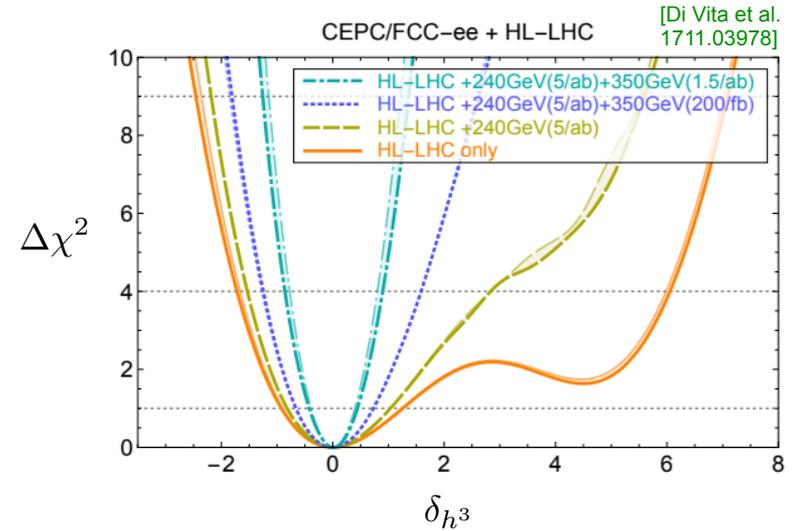
# Higgs couplings at FCC

At FCC-ee, **indirect** sensitivity on  $h^3$  from loop corrections to single-Higgs observables

(2 $\sigma$ )

$$|\delta_{h^3}| < 48\%$$

[de Blas et al. 1905.03764]



At FCC-hh, **direct** access through double Higgs production

$$|\delta_{h^3}| < 10\%$$

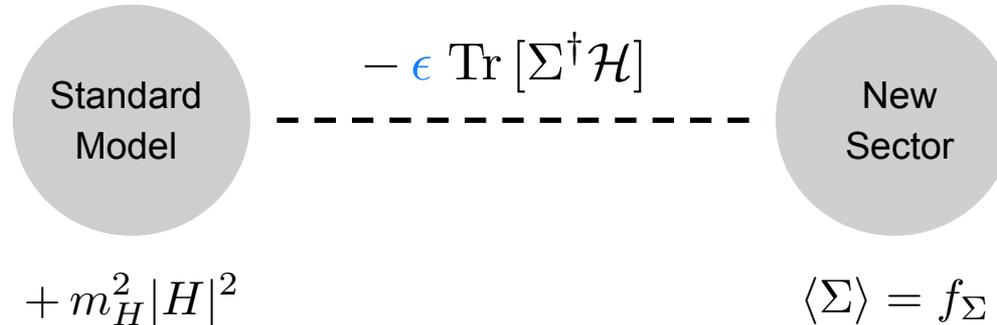
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 [Di Vita et al. 1711.03978]  
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 ...

Compare with expected sensitivity on **single-Higgs couplings**: from FCC-ee alone

$$|\delta_{hZZ}| \lesssim 0.34\%$$

# Another route: induced EWSB

Another viable approach to remove  $v/f$  tuning is **tadpole-induced EWSB**



$\rightarrow V(h) \sim + m_H^2 h^2 - \epsilon f_\Sigma h$

Large deviations in  $h^3$  are expected here too (self-interactions are suppressed)

Updated analysis of constraints is missing

# Singlet scalar: trigger rates

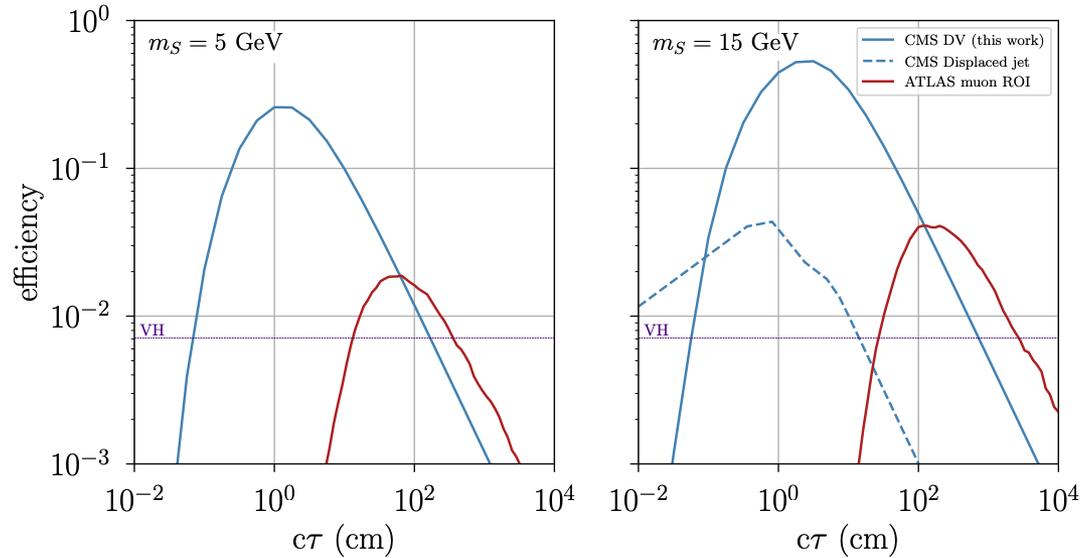
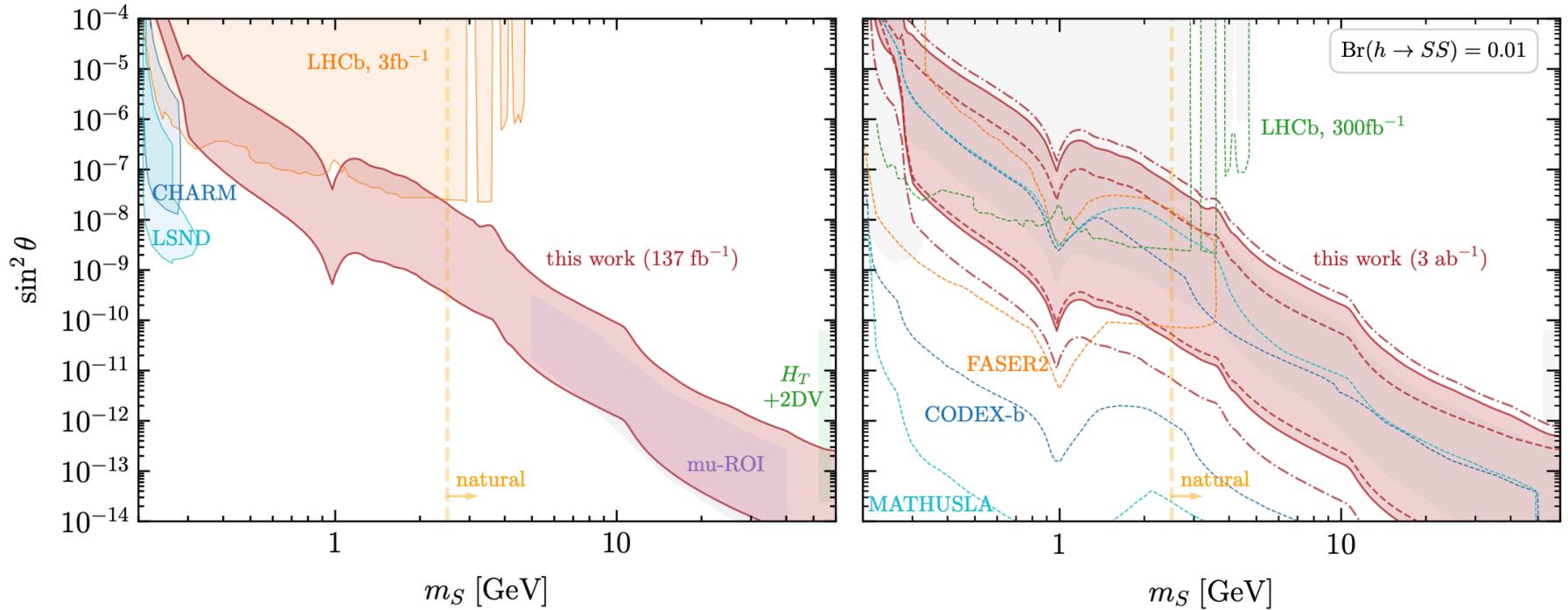
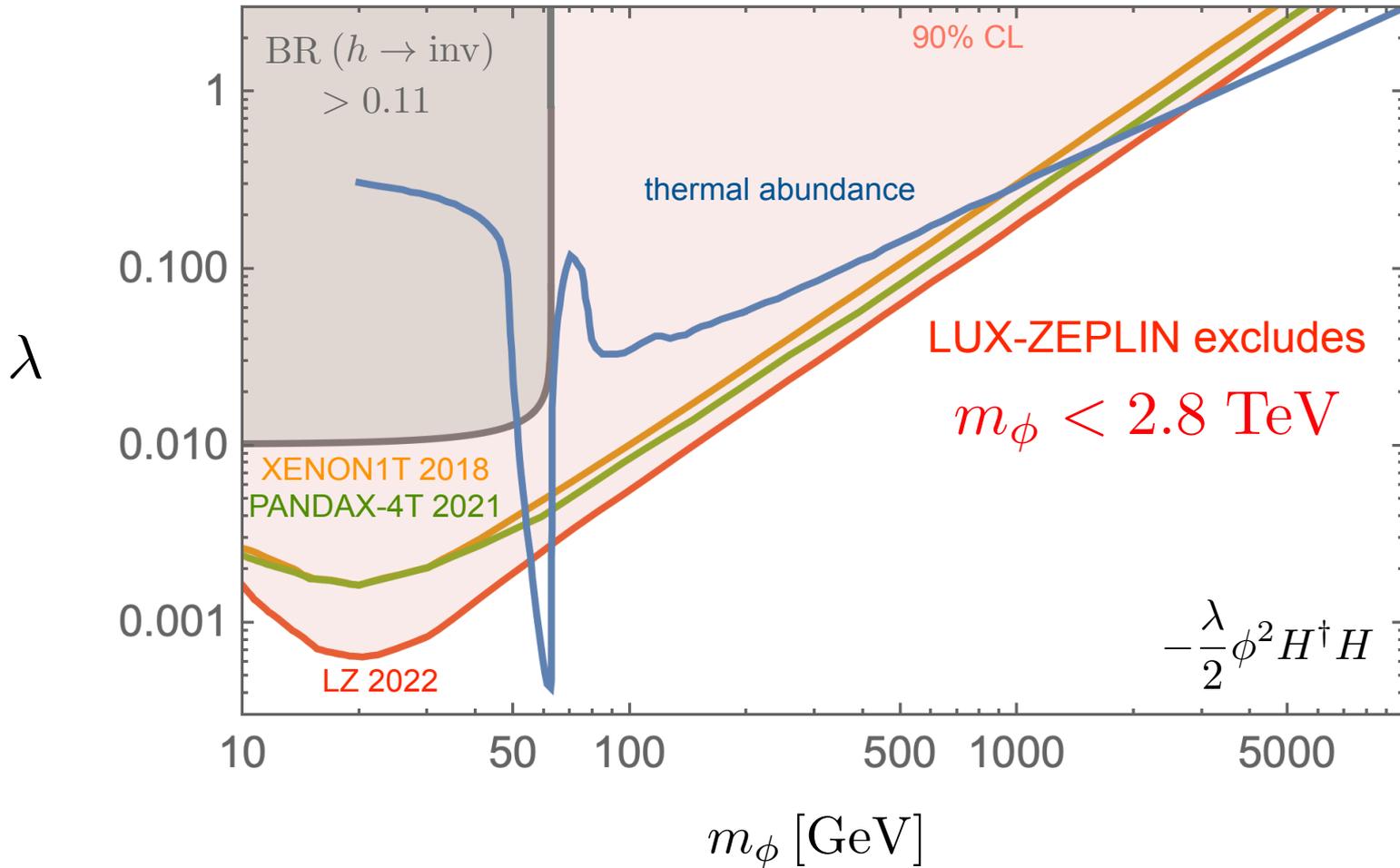


FIG. 8. Estimated L1 trigger efficiency for a CMS displaced vertex trigger (solid blue). Also shown is the projected efficiency for CMS L1 track jet trigger for displaced jets [3, 4], assuming 5 kHz rate (dashed blue) and the efficiency of the existing ATLAS muon region of interest trigger (solid red) [11]. The dashed purple line indicates the efficiency to trigger on an associated lepton in VH production, normalized against the gluon fusion cross section.

# Singlet scalar: current vs projected



# Renormalizable Higgs portal



Good example of the “WIMP vs direct detection” tension

# EFT for SM + singlet scalar

Think more broadly. For SM + (complex) scalar  $\chi$ , up to dimension 6:

preserve DM shift symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{c_d}{f^2} \partial_\mu |\chi|^2 \partial^\mu |H|^2 + \frac{i}{f^2} (\chi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \chi) \sum_{\Psi = q_L, u_R, d_R, \ell_L, e_R} b_\Psi \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi + \frac{ig'}{m_*^2} c_B (\chi^* \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \chi) \partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$- \lambda |\chi|^2 |H|^2 + \frac{|\chi|^2}{f^2} (c_u^\chi y_u \bar{q}_L \tilde{H} u_R + c_d^\chi y_d \bar{q}_L H d_R + c_e^\chi y_e \bar{\ell}_L H e_R + \text{h.c.}) + \sum_{V = G, W, B} \frac{d_V y^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{g_V^2}{m_*^2} |\chi|^2 V^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu}$$

break DM shift symmetry

Power counting here assumes both  $H$  and  $\chi$  arise as pseudo-Goldstone bosons.

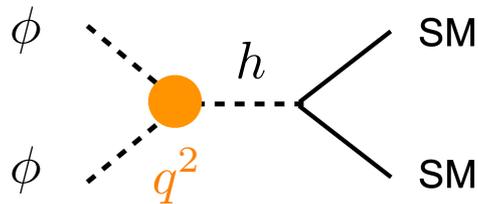
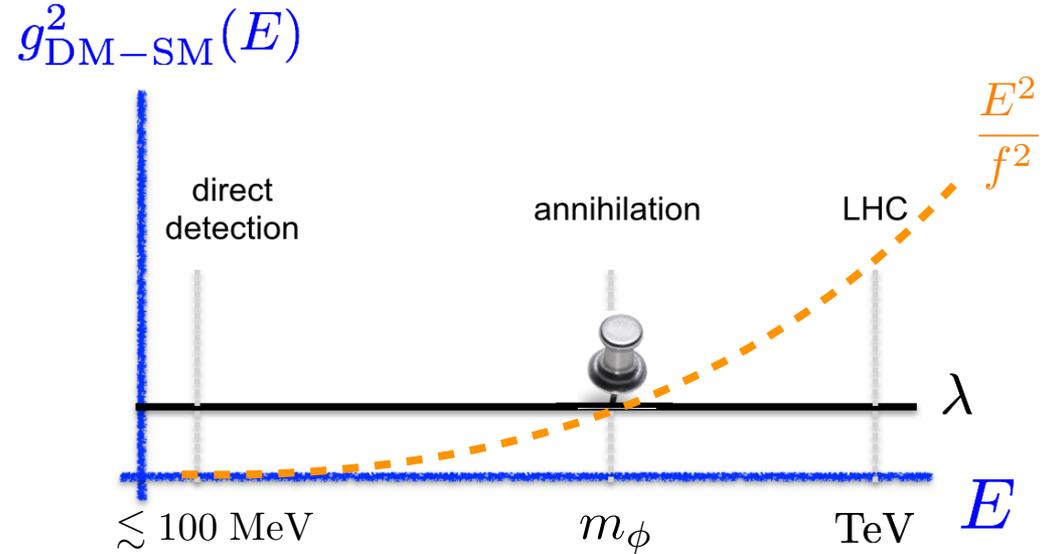
In this case, expect leading DM-SM interaction to be of dimension 6

(“**derivative Higgs portal**”), while shift-breaking interactions are naturally small

# The “other” Higgs portal

A simple & viable alternative:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2f^2} \partial_\mu(\phi^2) \partial^\mu(H^\dagger H)$$



annihilation  $q^2 \sim m_{\text{DM}}^2$



scattering  
 $q^2 \sim m_{\text{DM}}^2 v_{\text{DM}}^2$

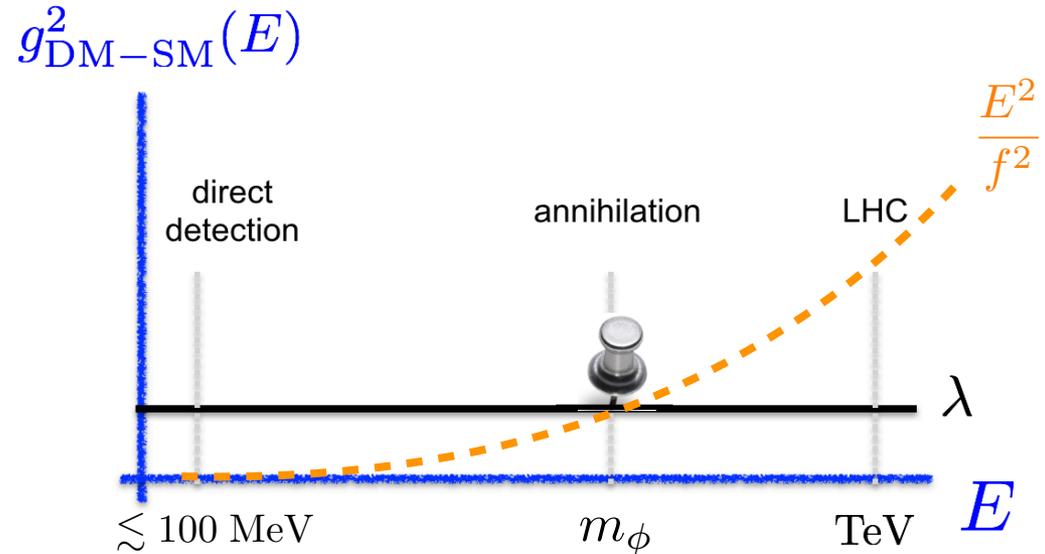
$$v_{\text{DM}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

For the derivative Higgs portal,  
 direct detection is automatically suppressed

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[Frigerio, Pomarol, Riva, Urbano 2012] + many others

- **Shift symmetries** dictate derivative coupling.

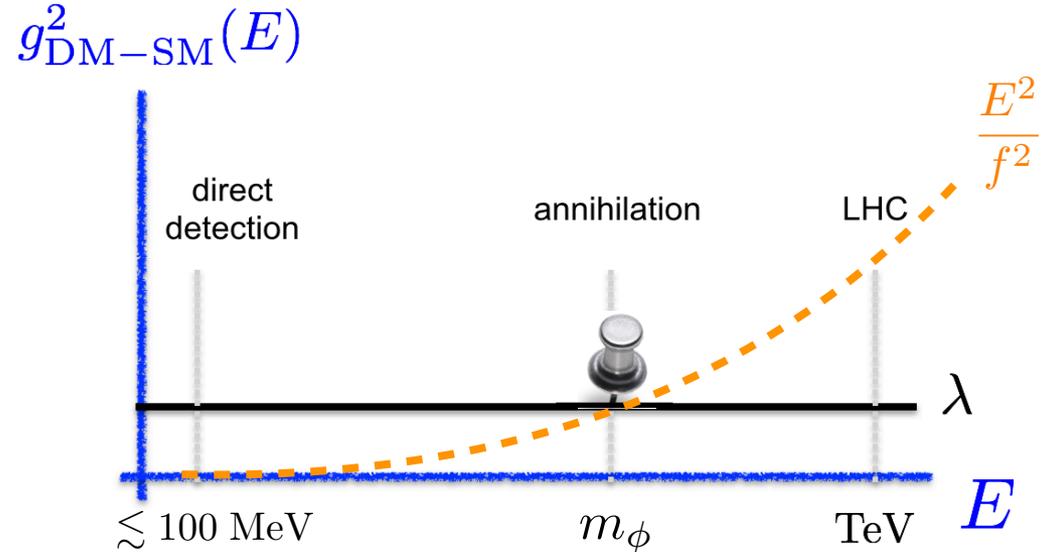
Shift-breaking couplings are naturally small, but DM acquires weak scale mass

[Balkin, Ruhdorfer, Salvioni, Weiler 2018]

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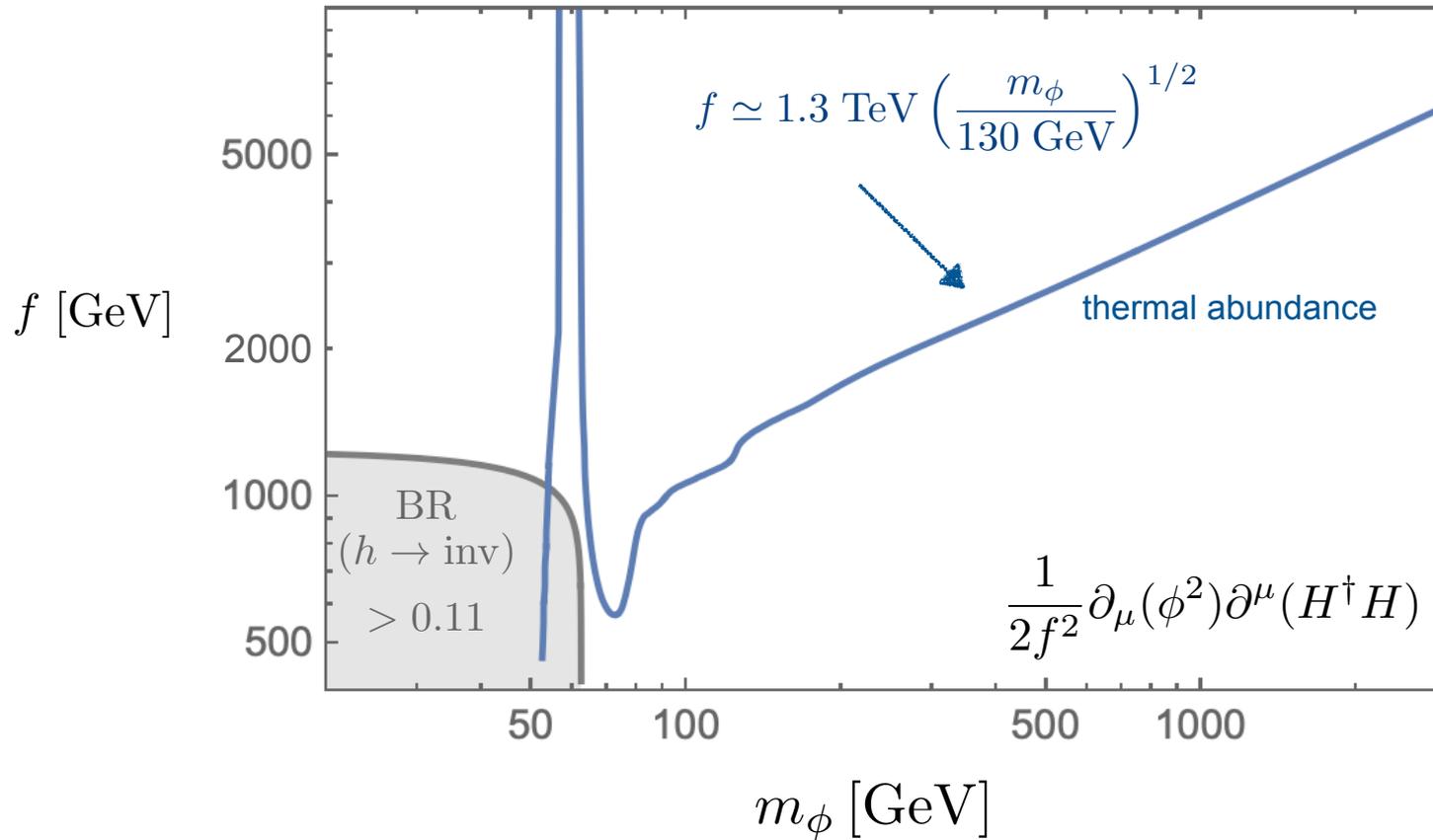
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- Can also be introduced with elementary Higgs: extend SM by complex scalar with specific explicit breaking

[Barger, Langacker, McCaskey, Ramsey-Musolf, Shaughnessy 2008] + many others

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\lambda_{HS} |\Phi|^2 H^\dagger H + \mu^2 (\Phi^2 + \text{h.c.})$$

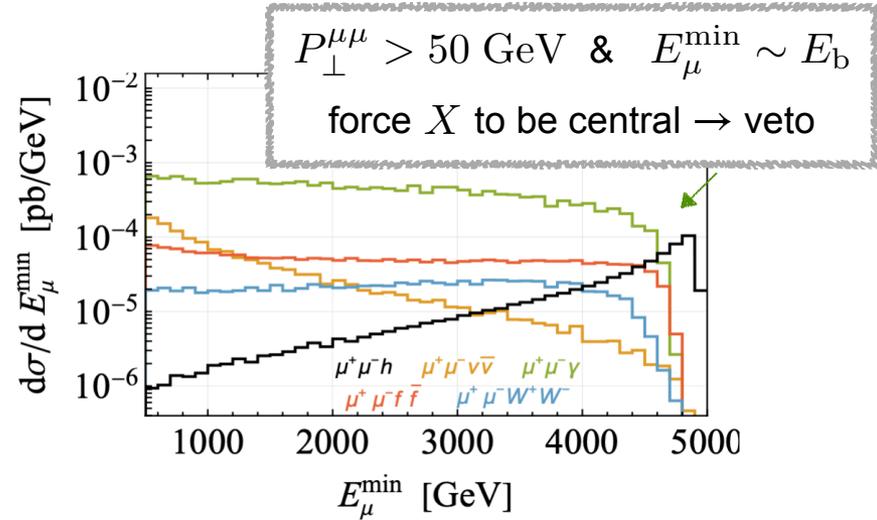
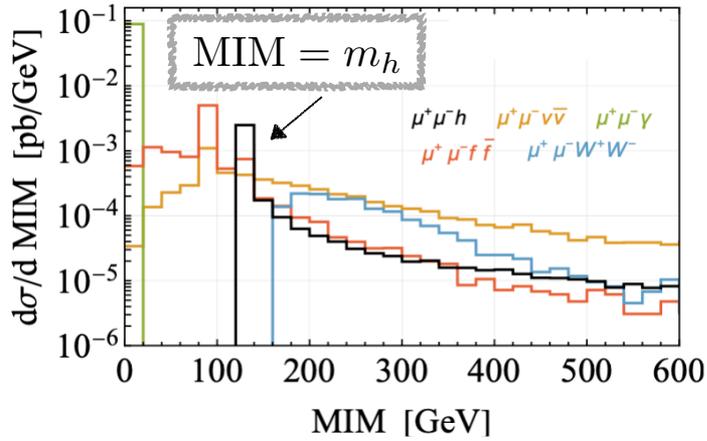
$$\Phi = (v_\sigma + \sigma) e^{i\phi/v_\sigma}$$

# Derivative Higgs portal



# Truth-level analysis @ MC

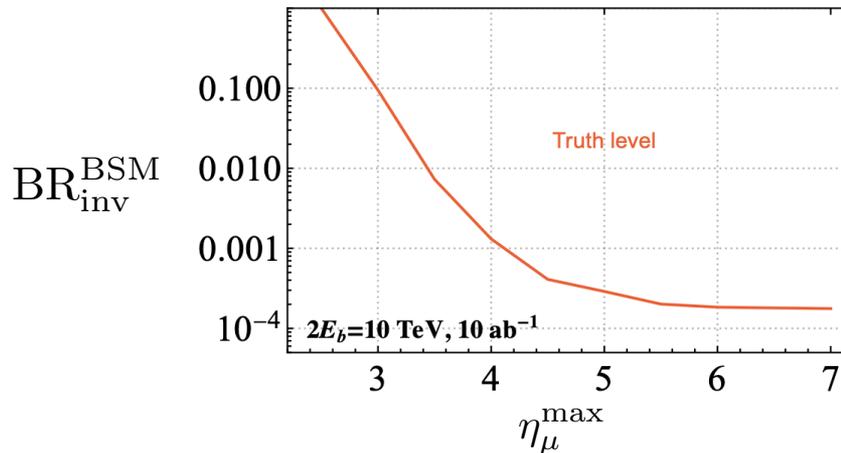
Near-ideal discrimination of  $S$  and  $B$  is possible:



$$\text{MIM} = \sqrt{|(\Delta P)^2|}$$

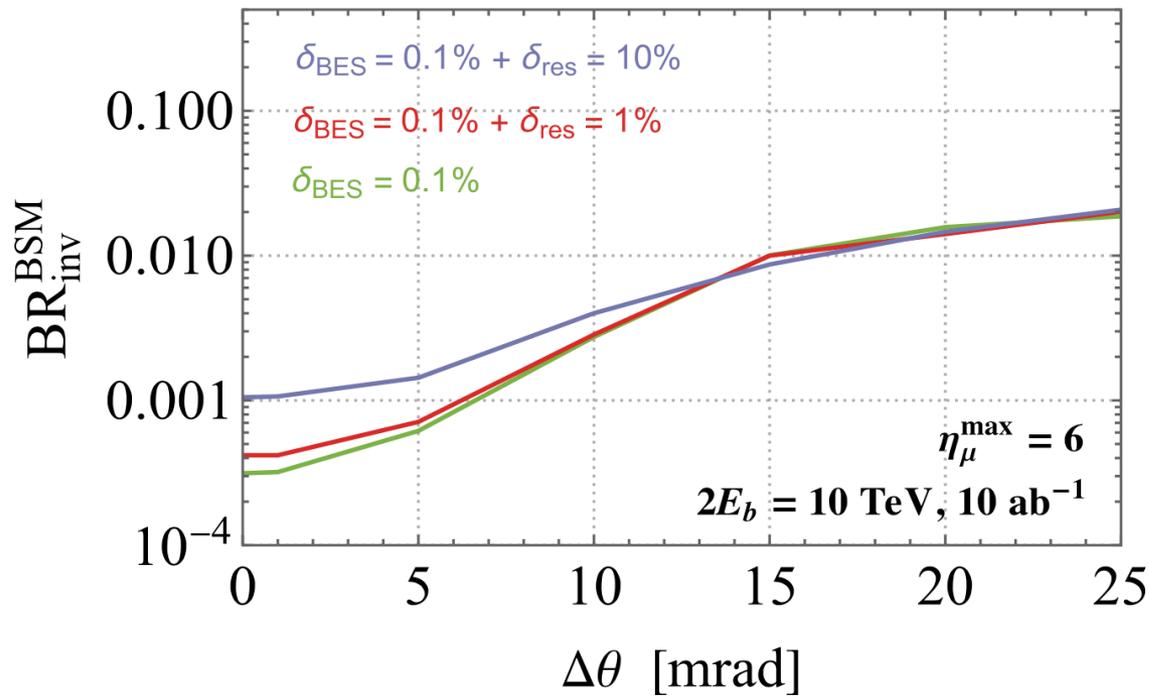
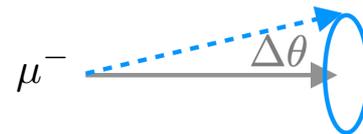
$$\Delta P = (2E_b, \vec{0}) - p_{\mu^+} - p_{\mu^-}$$

$$E_{\mu}^{\min} = \min(E_{\mu^+}, E_{\mu^-})$$



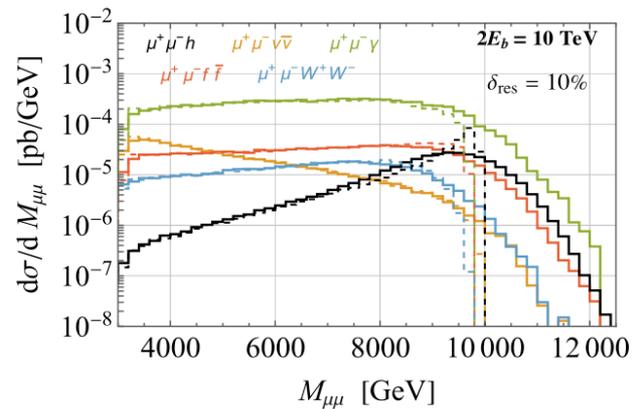
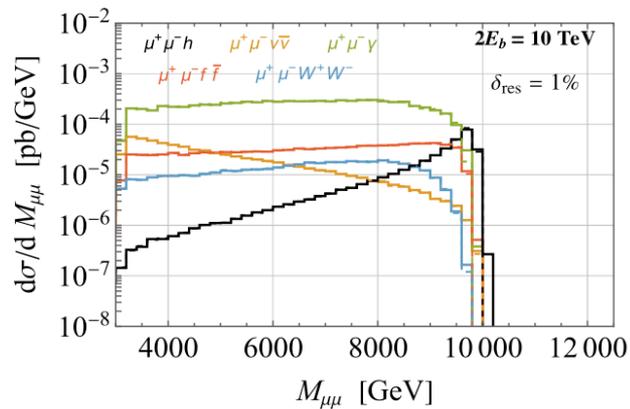
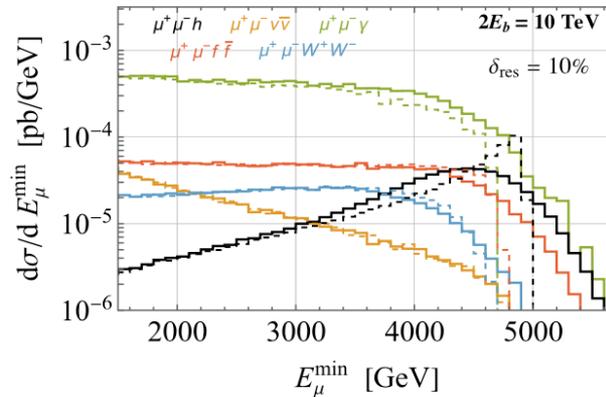
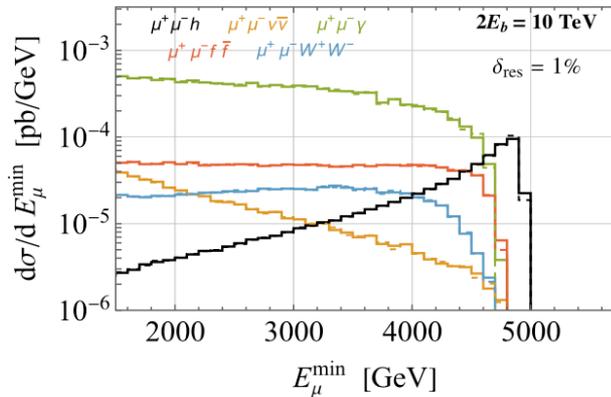
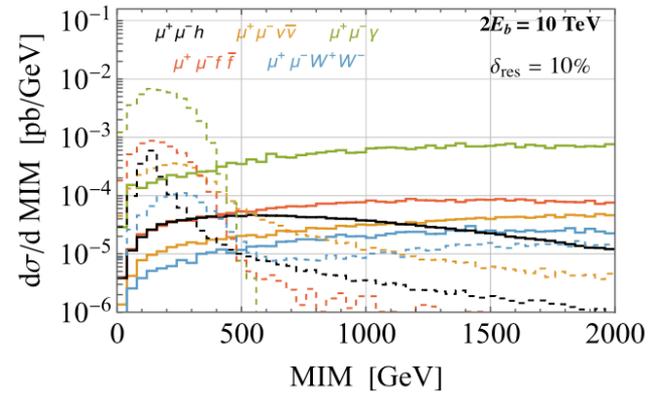
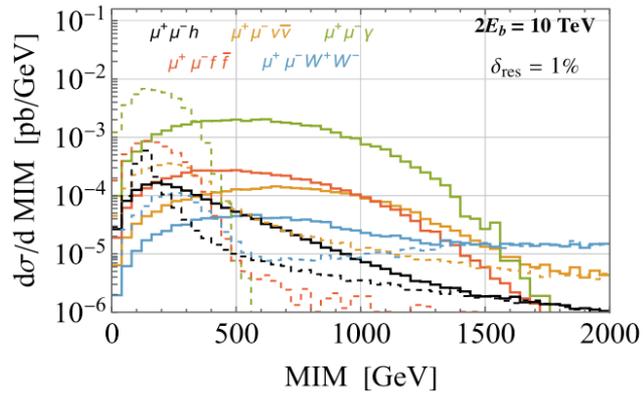
# Effect of finite angular resolution

For fixed  $\eta_{\max} = 6$  :



As long as  $\Delta\theta \lesssim 5 \text{ mrad}$ , no significant degradation of sensitivity

# Distributions after BES + detector smearing



# Cut flows

TABLE I. Cut flow for  $2E_b = 10$  TeV and a forward detector coverage  $\eta_\mu^{\max} = 6$ . An energy smearing of 1% is applied to muons with  $|\eta_\mu| > 2.44$ . The baseline cuts are listed in Sec. II.

[Number of events, $10 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ ]	BSM signal	$\mu^+\mu^-\bar{\nu}\nu$	$\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	$\mu^+\mu^-\bar{f}f$	$\mu^+\mu^-W^+W^-$	$\mu^+\mu^-(h \rightarrow \text{inv})_{\text{SM}}$
Baseline & $P_\perp^{\mu\mu} > 50$ GeV	$6.2 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$1.1 \times 10^6$	$1.3 \times 10^7$	$1.3 \times 10^6$	$6.2 \times 10^5$	$7.4 \times 10^2$
MIM $< 0.8$ TeV	$5.6 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$6.3 \times 10^5$	$1.0 \times 10^7$	$9.4 \times 10^5$	$1.8 \times 10^5$	$6.7 \times 10^2$
$ \Delta\eta_{\mu\mu}  > 8$	$4.8 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$2.3 \times 10^5$	$5.8 \times 10^6$	$6.3 \times 10^5$	$1.3 \times 10^5$	$5.8 \times 10^2$
$ \Delta\phi_{\mu\mu} - \pi  > 0.8$	$3.9 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$1.7 \times 10^5$	$2.2 \times 10^6$	$4.9 \times 10^5$	$8.5 \times 10^4$	$4.6 \times 10^2$
$P_\perp^{\mu\mu} > 80$ GeV	$3.4 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$1.1 \times 10^5$	$8.9 \times 10^5$	$2.5 \times 10^5$	$5.9 \times 10^4$	$4.1 \times 10^2$
$M_{\mu\mu} > 9.5$ TeV	$1.6 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$1.4 \times 10^3$	$1.5 \times 10^3$	$3.1 \times 10^2$	28	$1.9 \times 10^2$
$E_\mu^{\min} > 4.7$ TeV	$1.1 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$6.2 \times 10^2$	(<65)	(<31)	(<7.0)	$1.3 \times 10^2$

At exclusion S/B  $\approx 6\%$

TABLE II. Cut flow for  $2E_b = 10$  TeV and a forward detector coverage  $\eta_\mu^{\max} = 6$ . An energy smearing of 10% is applied to muons with  $|\eta_\mu| > 2.44$ . The baseline cuts are listed in Sec. II.

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$ \Delta\phi_{\mu\mu} - \pi  > 1$	$4.4 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$3.9 \times 10^5$	$2.9 \times 10^6$	$6.4 \times 10^5$	$3.0 \times 10^5$	$5.3 \times 10^2$
$P_\perp^{\mu\mu} > 180$ GeV	$1.9 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$1.1 \times 10^5$	$2.7 \times 10^5$	$8.2 \times 10^4$	$7.0 \times 10^4$	$2.2 \times 10^2$
$M_{\mu\mu} > 8.75$ TeV	$1.2 \times 10^5 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$4.4 \times 10^3$	$7.6 \times 10^3$	$1.9 \times 10^3$	$1.6 \times 10^3$	$1.4 \times 10^2$
$E_\mu^{\min} > 4.3$ TeV	$8.1 \times 10^4 \times \text{BR}_{\text{inv}}^{\text{BSM}}$	$1.8 \times 10^3$	$2.6 \times 10^2$	$1.6 \times 10^2$	$2.6 \times 10^2$	97

At exclusion S/B  $\approx 3\%$

Do not expect a strong impact from systematics