
Exotic Physics at the LHC

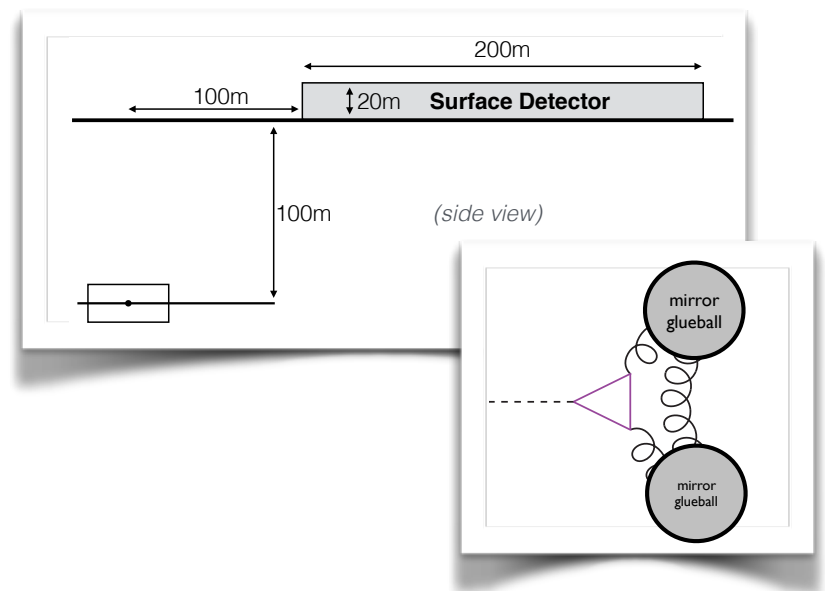
(and connections to Multi-Boson Physics)

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Exotics & MBI Physics

New Physics is either 'around the corner' or not obvious.

Finding its traces could require very precise SM precision measurements.

Electroweak measurements have a rich history of setting New Physics constraints.

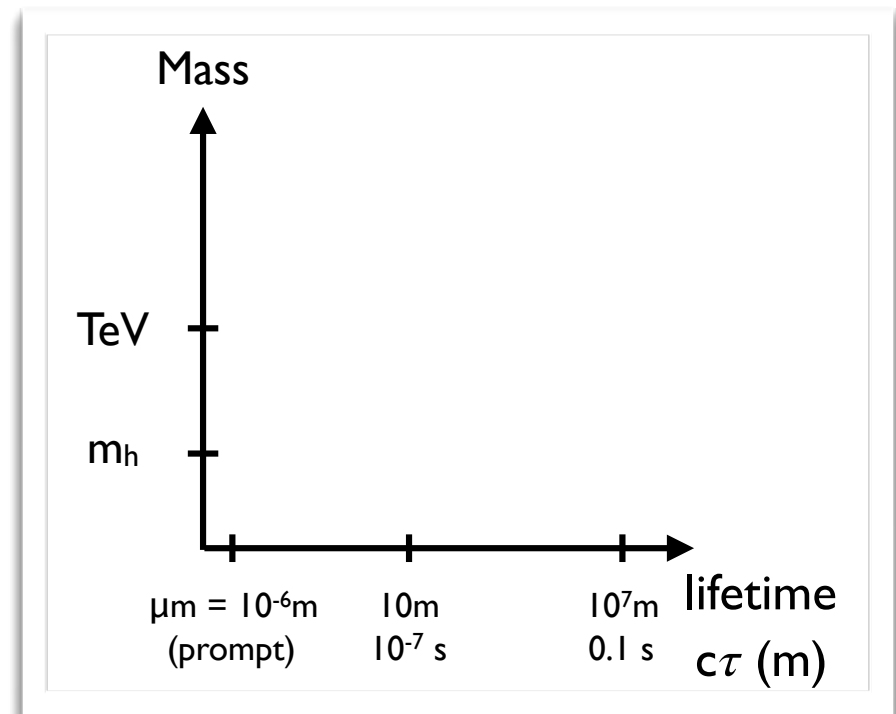
As we go up in energy, MBI measurements provide BSM sensitivity in new ways.

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New Physics is either ‘around the corner’ or not obvious.

Need to expand “Reach” in every direction, including searches for long-lived particles.

In some cases, triggers on (multi-)boson production are the only inclusive way of capturing these signals.



Outline

— Exotics Medley —

1. Electroweak Baryogenesis *(Higgs self coupling!)*
2. Neutral Naturalness *(Long-Lived Particles!)*
3. Long-Lived Particle Searches at the LHC
4. The MATHUSLA Experiment *(Really Long-Lived Particles!)*

Electroweak Baryogenesis

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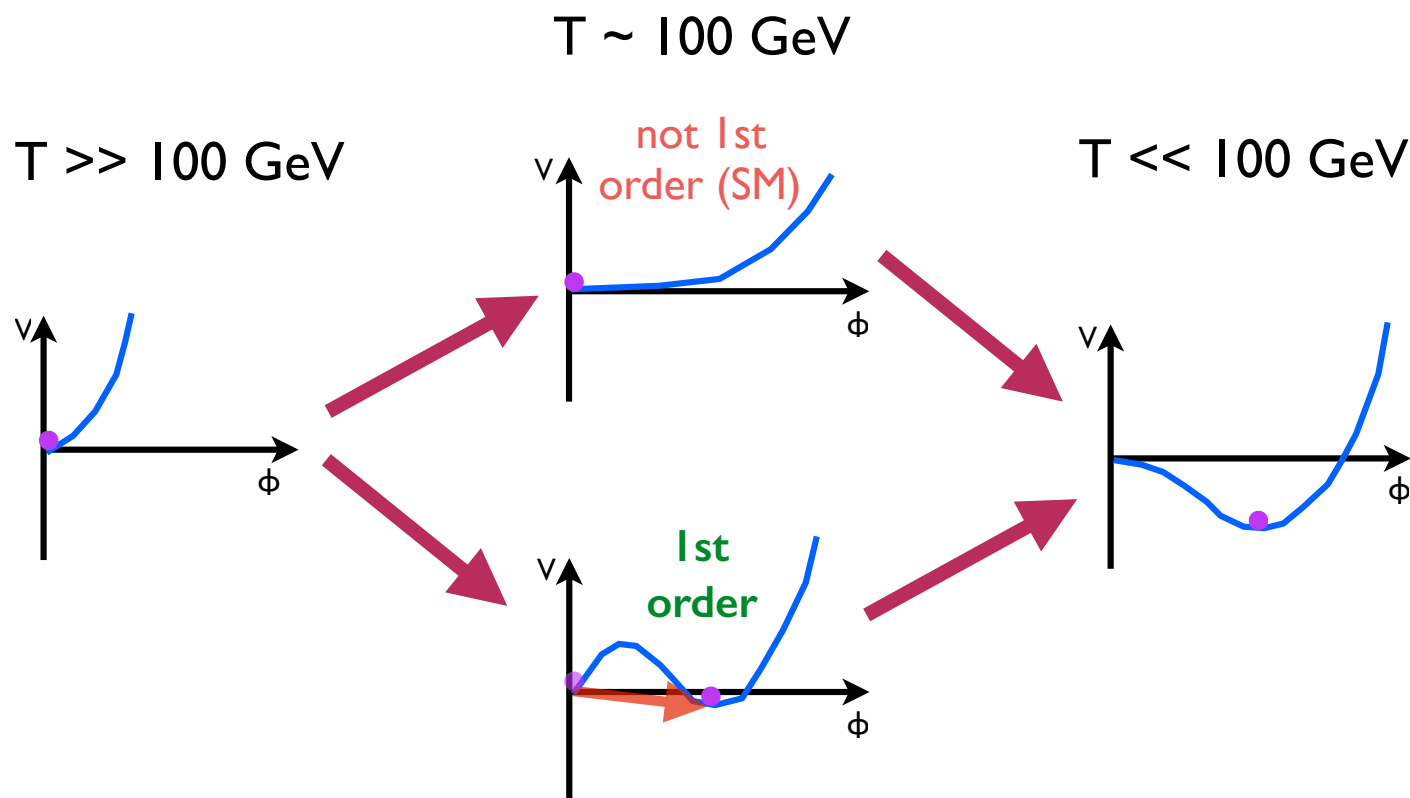
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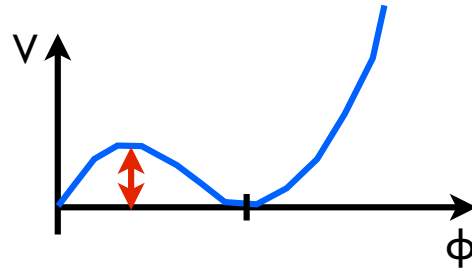
Dynamical creation of baryon number in early universe requires departure from thermal equilibrium.

BSM effects on Higgs Potential can make the electroweak phase transition at $T \sim 100$ GeV strongly first order.



Achieving a strong PT

How to modify SM to generate energy barrier?



1. New $O(100 \text{ GeV})$
bosonic BSM states

$$V_{\text{eff}}(h, T) = \underbrace{V_0(h)}_{\text{tree-level potential}} + \underbrace{V_0^{CW}(h)}_{\text{loop correction}} + \underbrace{V_T(h, T)}_{\text{finite temperature corrections}}$$

2. Zero-Temperature
tree- or loop-effects
(generate barrier or reduce
depth of potential well)

Detecting EWBG

Crucial measurement to determine shape of Higgs potential:
Higgs self coupling!

Likely requires **100 TeV collider** for precise measurement.

**Will also require greater theoretical understanding of hh
production at pp colliders!**

e.g.

Dawson, Ismail, Low 1504.05596; Dawson, Lewis 1508.05397;

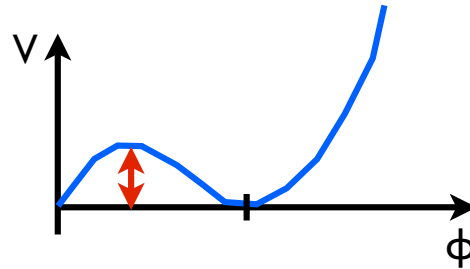
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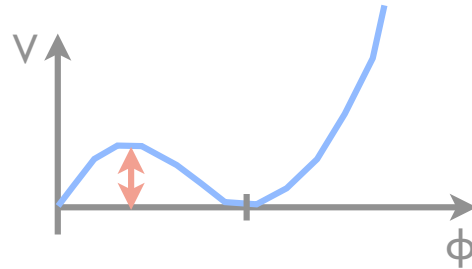
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1. How to realize these possibilities?
Probe mechanisms, not individual models!

2. Can we (always?) discover each
mechanism at colliders?

A continuum of theories

real scalar with
unbroken Z_2 symmetry

$$\delta V_0 = \frac{\mu_S^2}{2} S^2 + \frac{\lambda_S}{4} S^4 + \lambda_{HS} |H|^2 S^2$$

More scalars,
doublets,
etc...

General
single real
scalar

hardest!

Difficulty of
experimental
verification

more
signatures..

Higgs-Singlet mixing leads
to variety of signatures

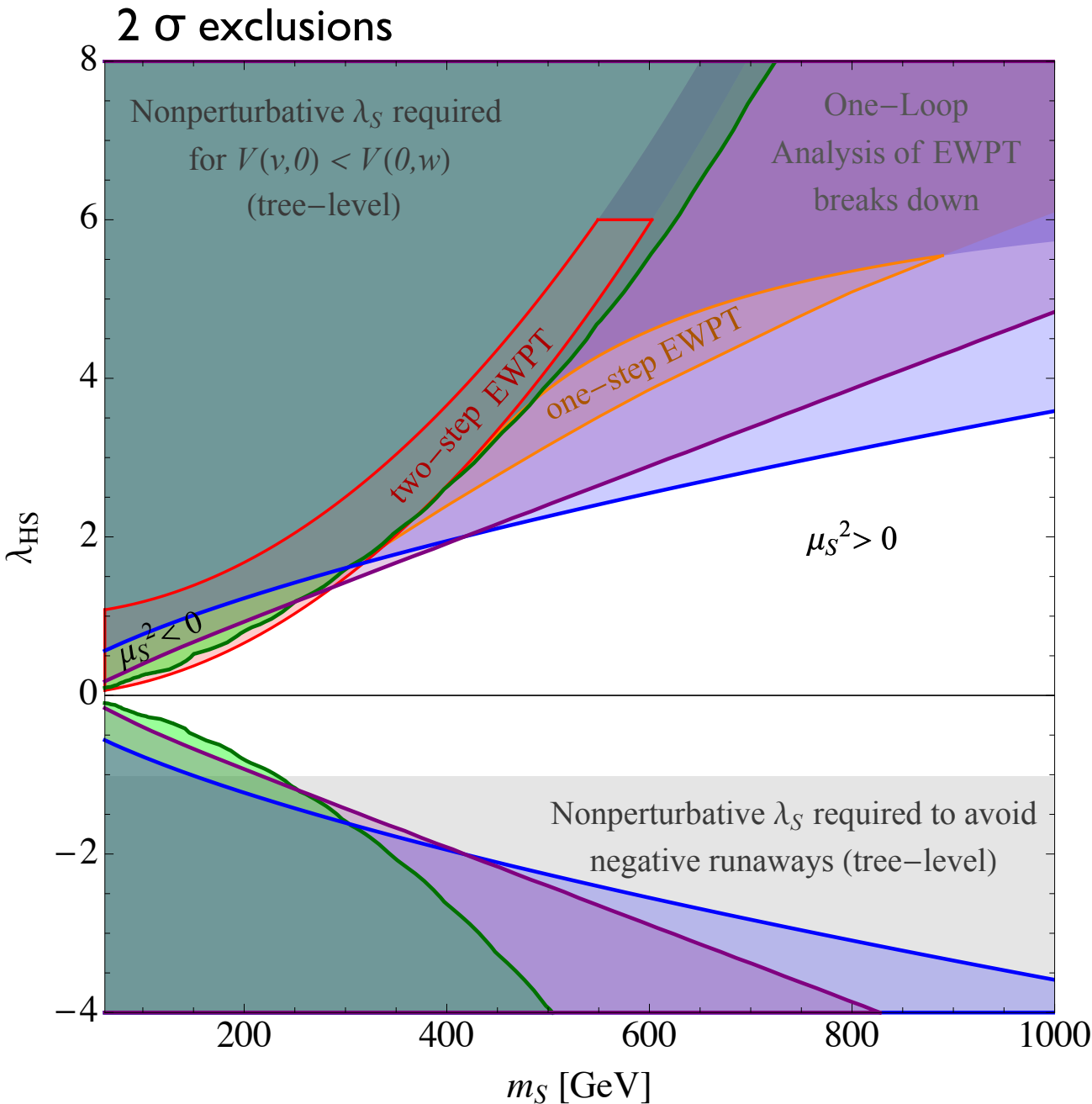
Will probably be discovered at LHC
or future colliders (*more work needed*)

absence of mixing
removes most signatures

Parameter space
much simpler.
Can you construct a
no-lose theorem?

Phenomenological No-Lose Theorem for
EWBG in Z_2 singlet extension
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EWPT in SM+S



100 TeV Collider, 30/ab

triple-Higgs coupling
measurement ($> 10\%$)

Direct detection of
VBF $h^* \rightarrow SS$
($S/\sqrt{B} > 2$)

TLEP

$\delta\sigma_{Zh}$ measurement ($> 0.3\%$)

100 TeV collider could
cover *entire* parameter
space.

TLEP can cover *almost all* of
parameter space.

Potential complementarity!

Theoretical Challenges

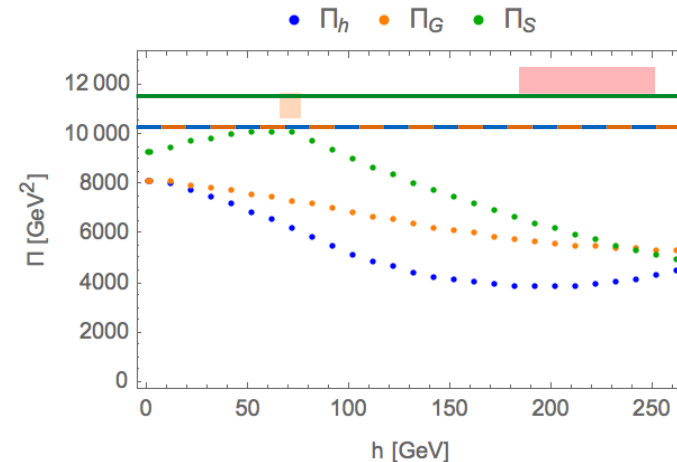
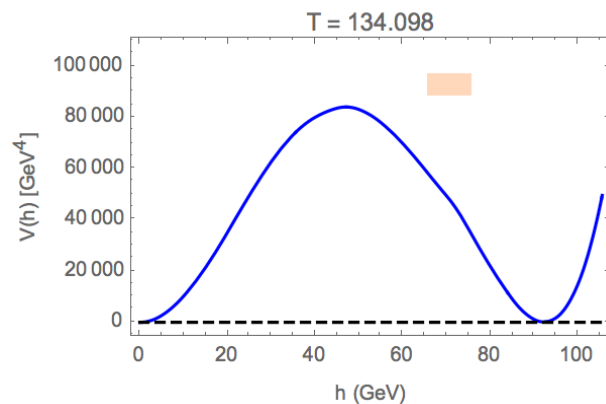
Another challenge:

Theoretical control of the finite-temperature calculation.
Matching to Effective Theories at zero temperature.

Solved: consistent finite-T resummation of thermal mass effects!

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Will affect correlation of PT to collider observables.
Also has consequences for leptogenesis.



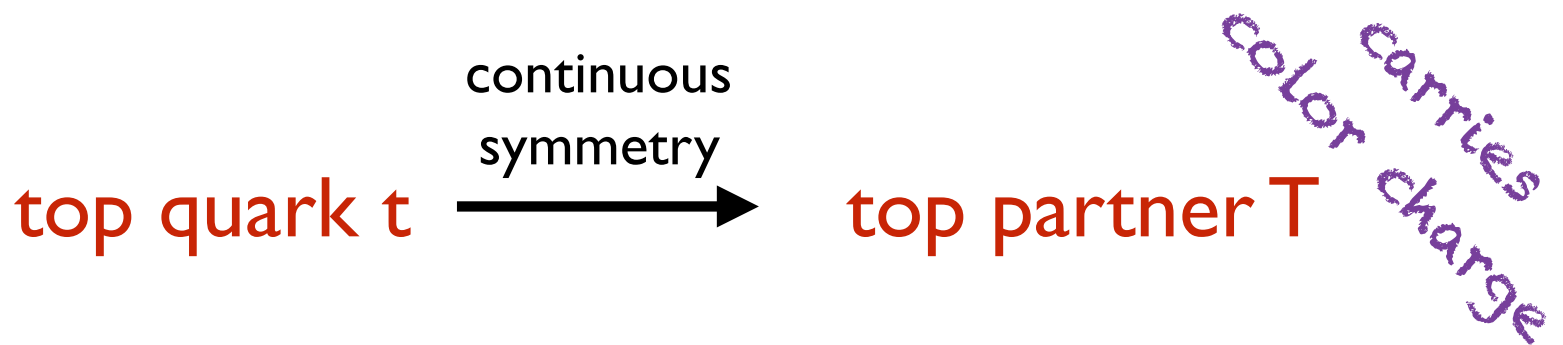
Let's talk about weird LHC signatures..

Neutral Naturalness

The Hierarchy Problem



... can be solved by top partners



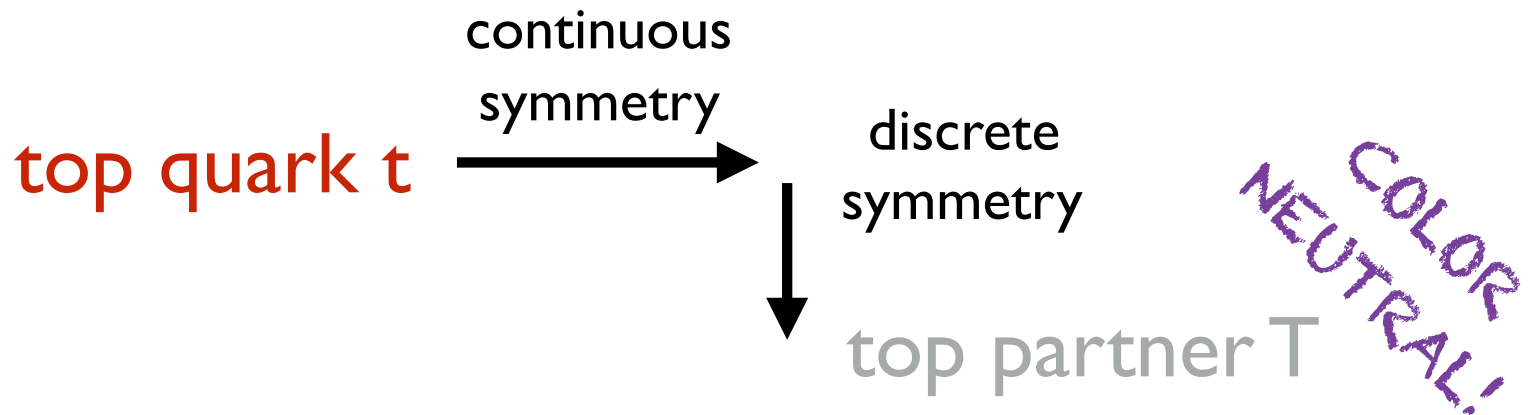
e.g.

Supersymmetry, modern composite Higgs models (Little Higgs), etc...

The Hierarchy Problem



The symmetry need not commute with SM color!



e.g.

Folded SUSY (EW-charged stops), Twin Higgs (SM singlet T-partners)

The Hierarchy Problem

H

Top partners are SM-uncolored!
(Hence avoid LHC constraints)

The s

New BSM QCD' gauge force!

Naturalness motivation for
Hidden Valleys!

e.g.

top partner
L!

Folded SUSY (EW-charged stops), Twin Higgs (SM singlet T-partners)

LLPs in Neutral Naturalness

Scenario with Simplest Pheno:

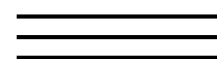
(FSUSY, QLH, some FTH)



top partners



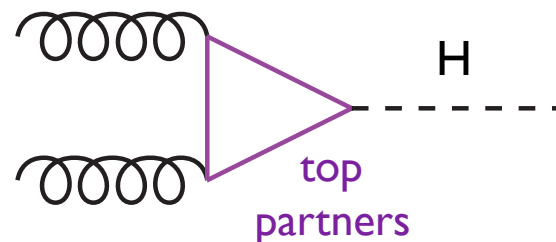
maybe other states



QCD' glueballs
< ~ 60 GeV

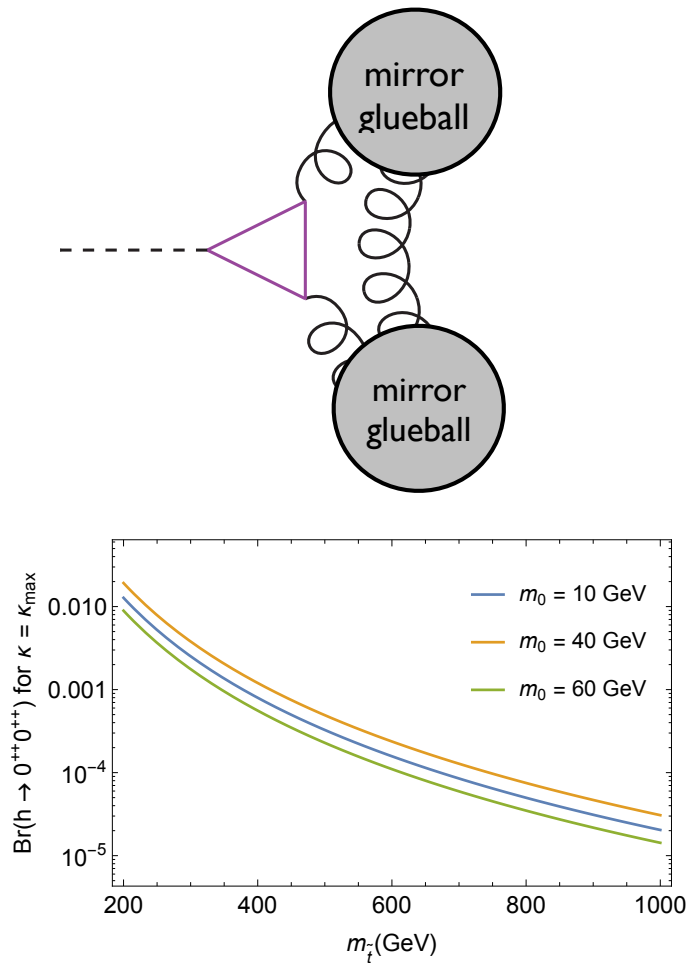
Higgs talks to mirror glue via top partner loops:

$$\mathcal{L}^{(6)} = \frac{\alpha_v y^2}{3\pi M^2} H^\dagger H \operatorname{tr} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

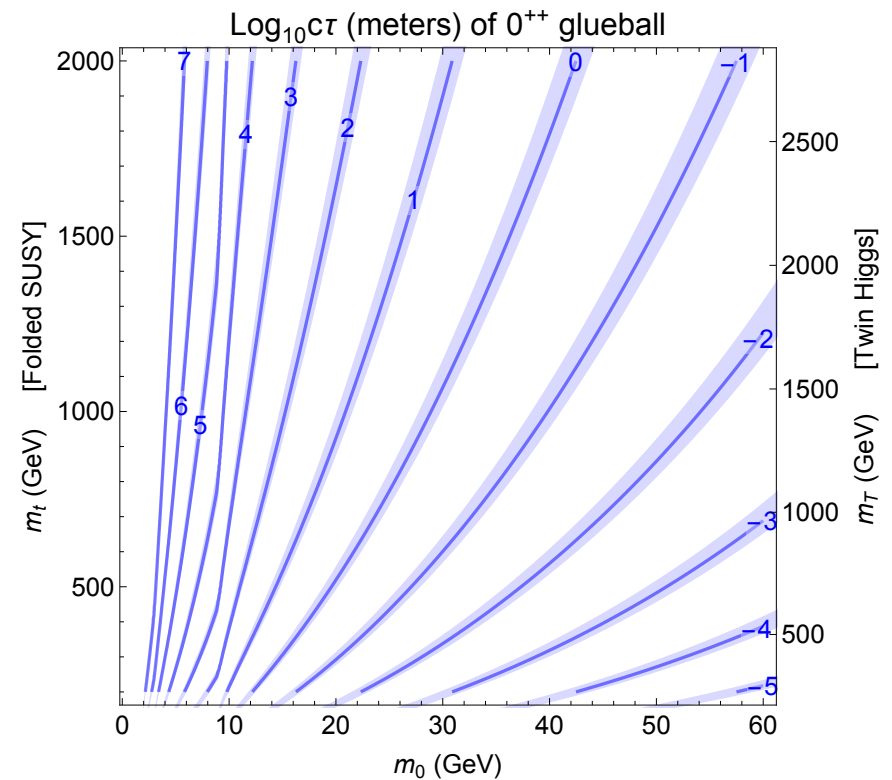
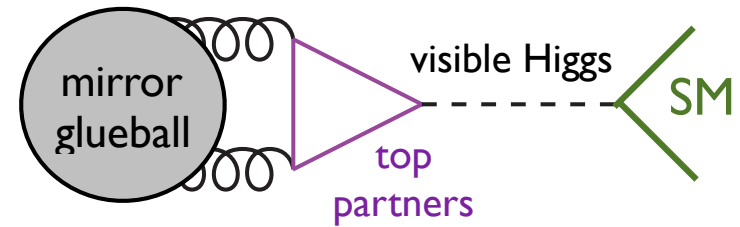


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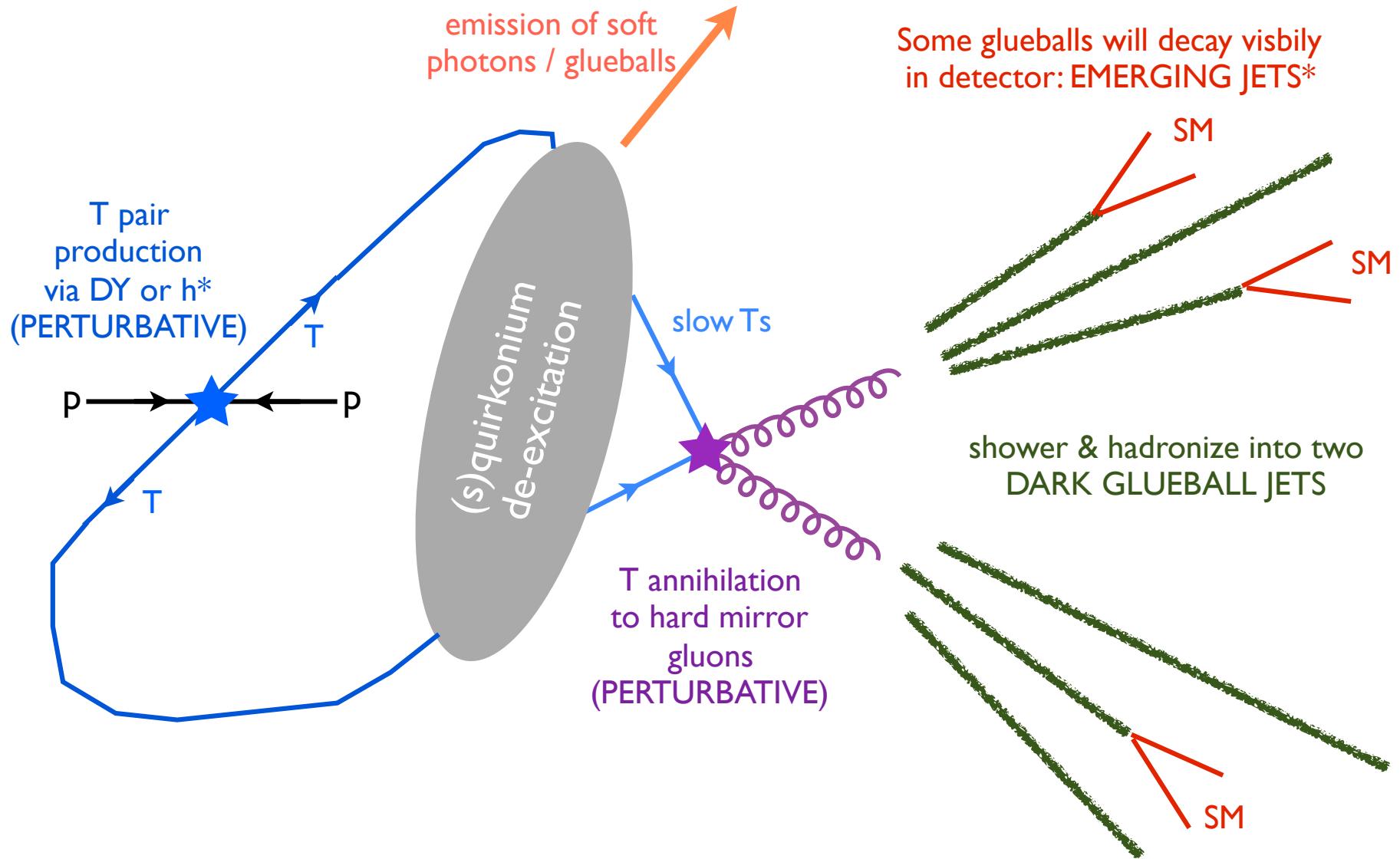
Can produce lots of glueballs in
Exotic Higgs Decays:



Glueballs are LLPs!



Quirks in Neutral Naturalness



* see also 1502.05409 Schwaller, Stolarski, Weiler

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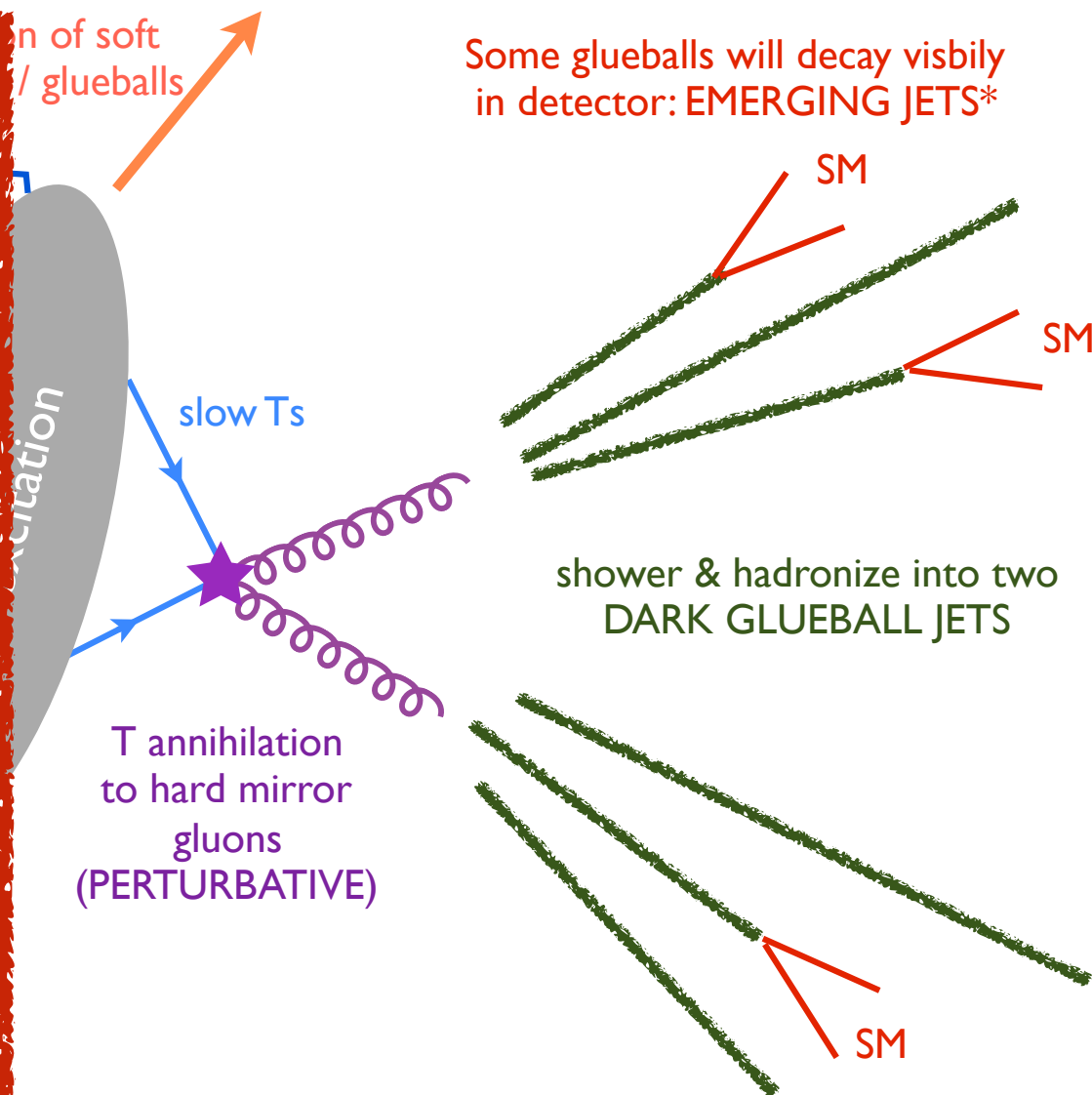
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Quirks in Neutral Naturalness

Quirk annihilation is also a promising source of **Di-Bosons Signals!**

Would be vital in precise mass & coupling determination

→ **Nailing down Neutral Naturalness Mechanism!**



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Neutral Naturalness is just one motivation for...

Long-Lived Particle Searches

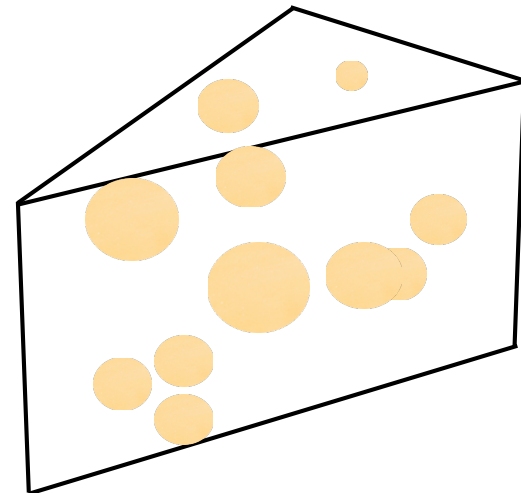
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Long-Lived Particle Searches

not yet



more like



LLP Searches

Existing LLP searches at ATLAS or CMS either

- look for distinctive LLP decay products (leptons)
- look for 'hard' LLPs in tracker (high mass/ p_T)
- look for 2 decays, at least 1 in Muon System/HCAL (*longish lifetime*)

More work needed! Currently missing sensitivity to low-scale LLP production (e.g. Higgs), especially hadronic LLP decays.

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single decay in outer detector subsystems

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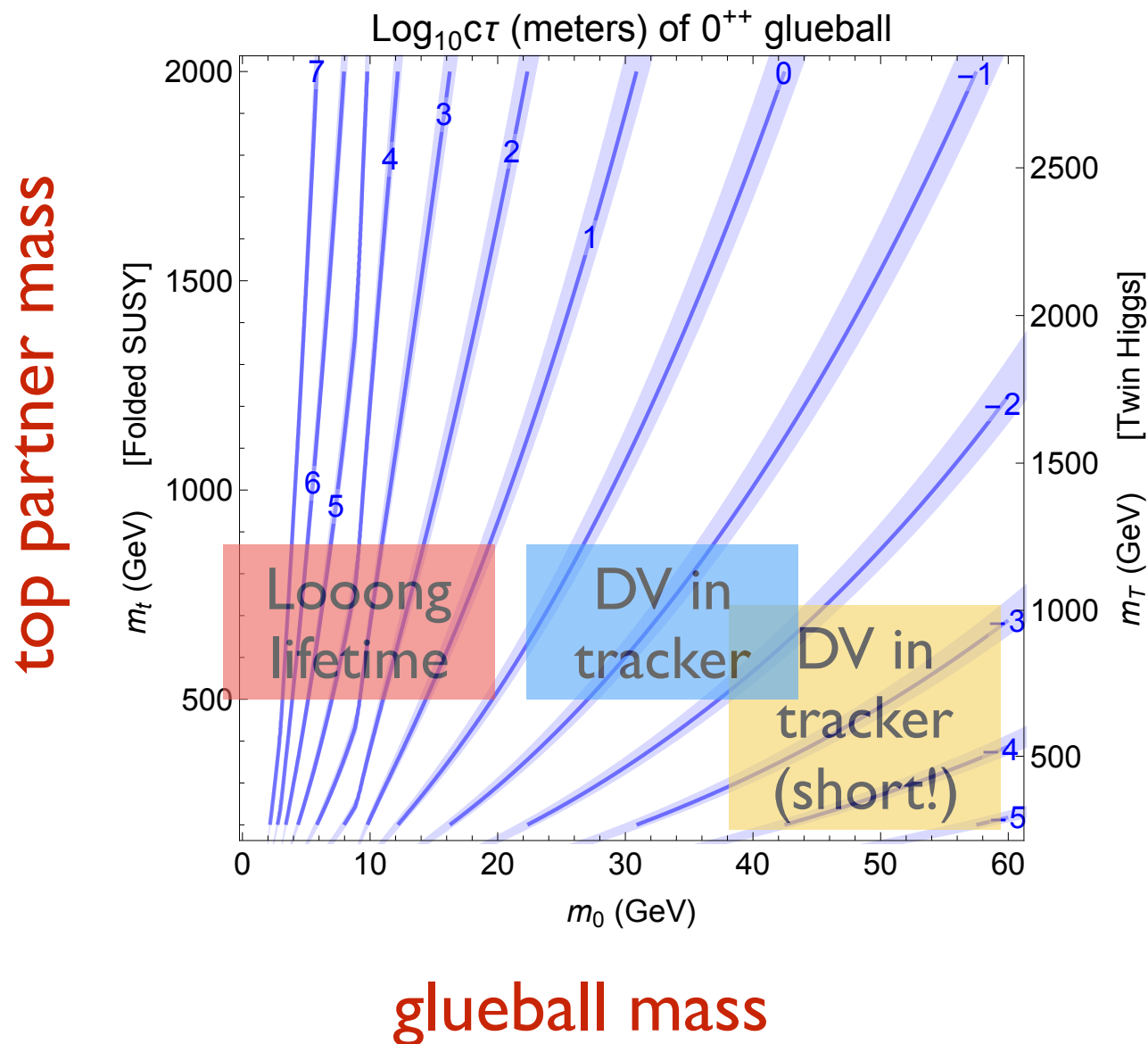
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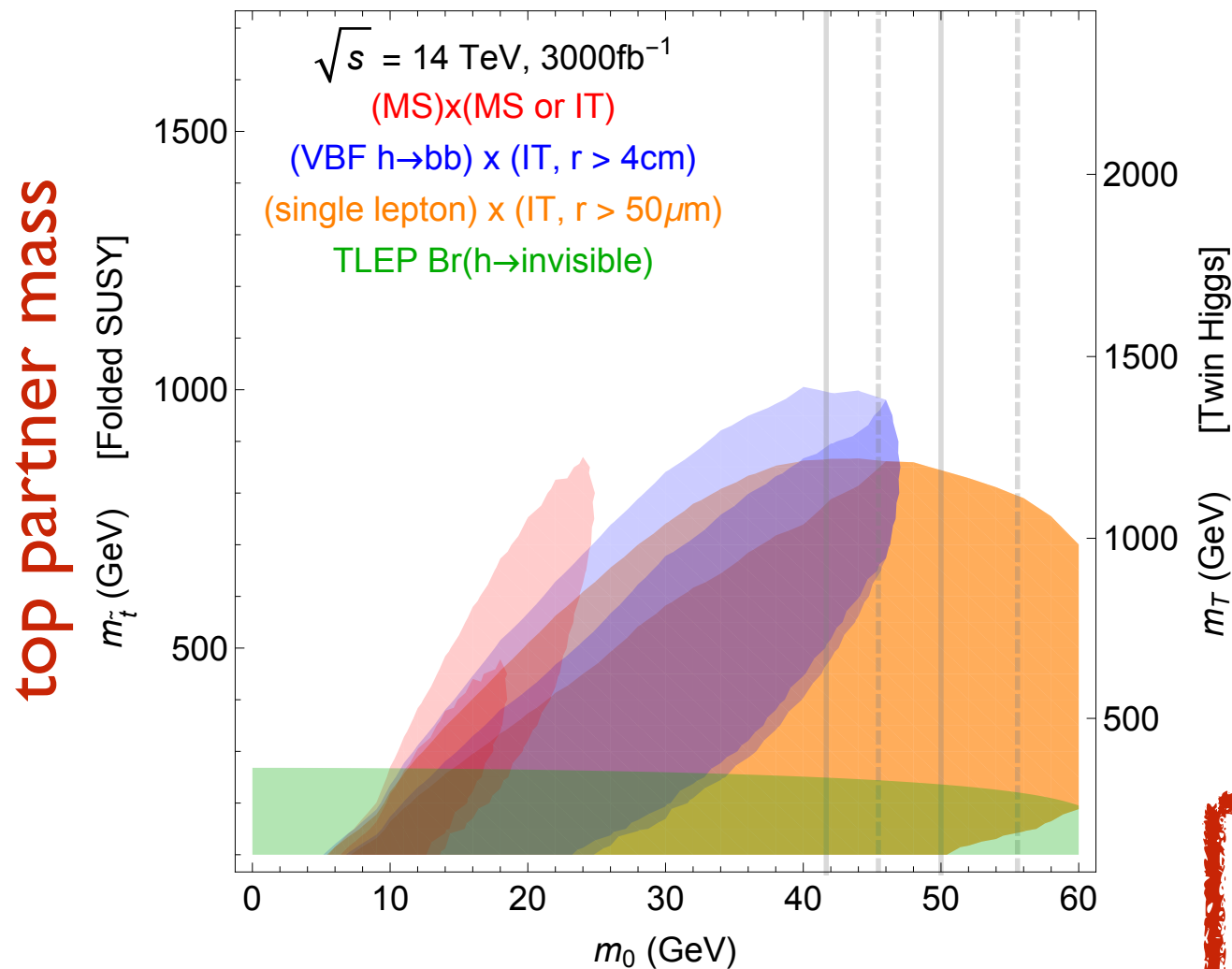
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Neutral Naturalness @ HL-LHC



Need entire
array of LLP
search strategies
to cover
parameter space

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DV searches
in tracker* or
Muon System

**need VBF or
lepton for
triggering.*

TeV Top Partner
Mass Reach
from LLP searches!

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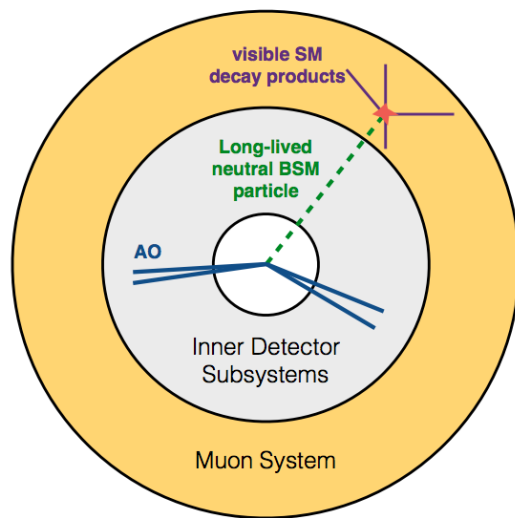
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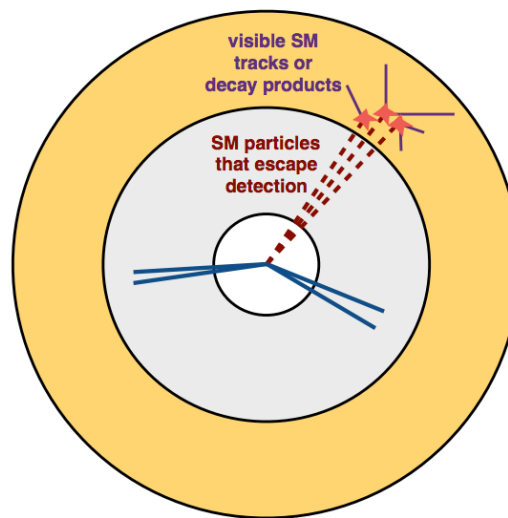
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LLP Search for Long Lifetimes

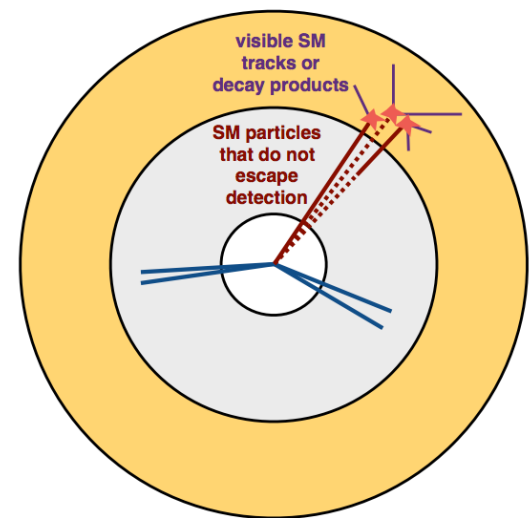
Probably the best we can do at the LHC:
search for a single DV in the ATLAS Muon System.



Signal Trigger
iso event from BSM
(a)



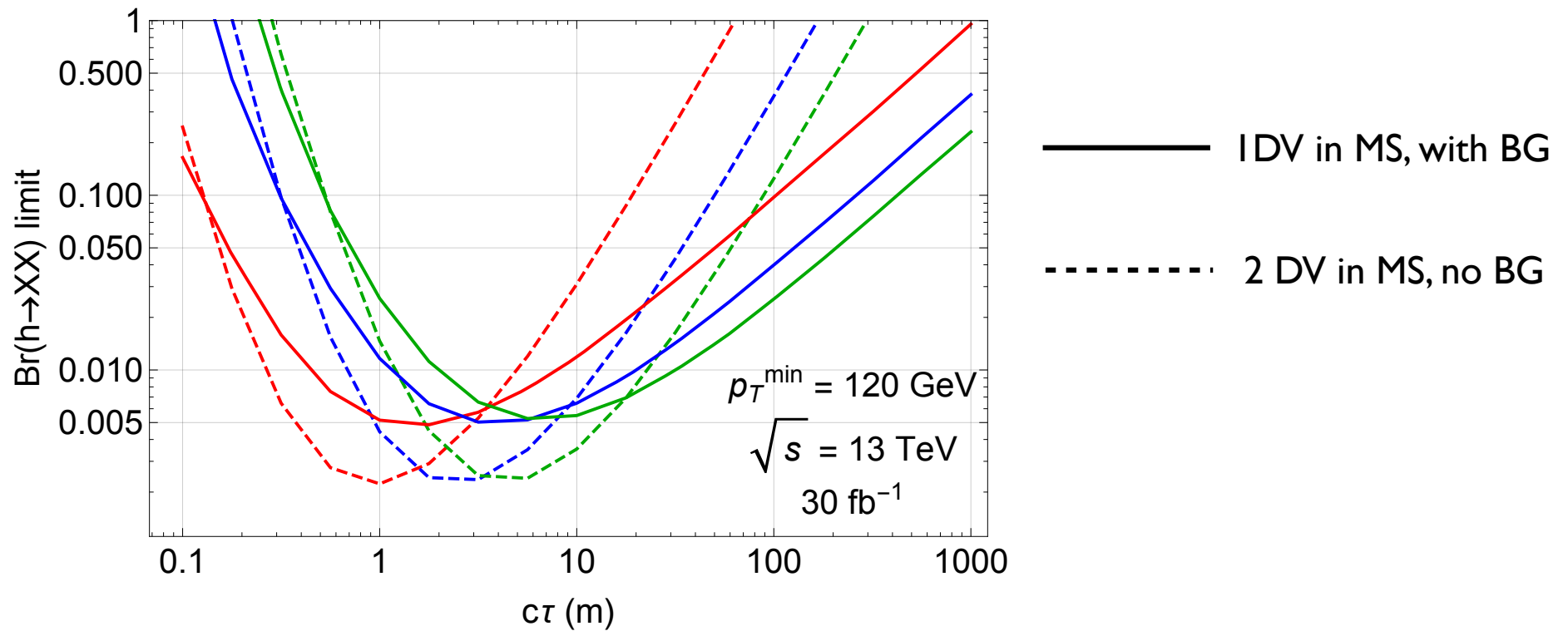
Signal Trigger
iso event from SM QCD
(b)



Orthogonal Trigger
non-iso event from SM QCD
(c)

Very challenging search! Have to obtain fully differential
data-driven background estimates.

Projected Sensitivities: single DV in ATLAS MS



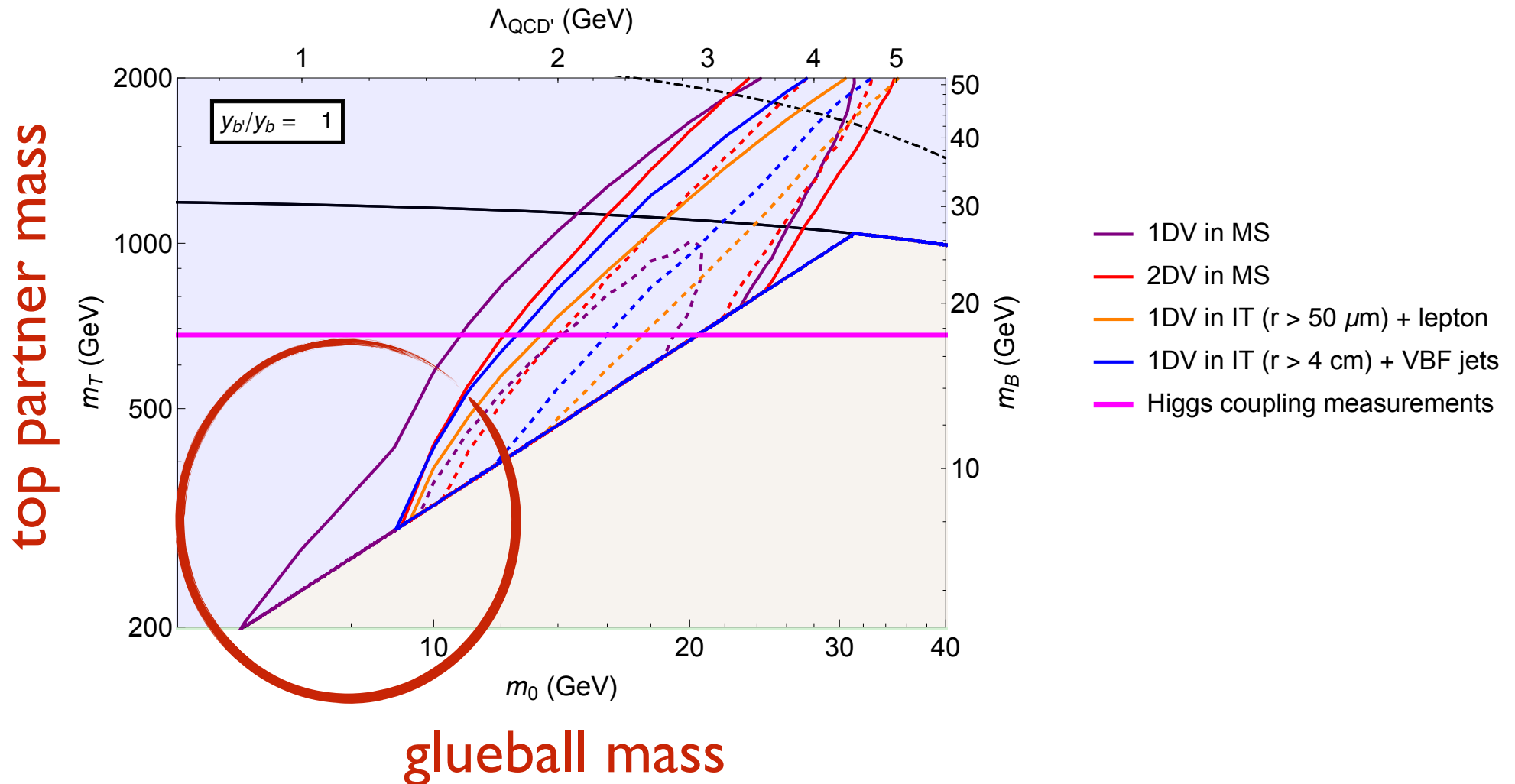
Projected limits of 1 DV in MS search far superior at long lifetimes compared to existing 2DV search.

Hopefully will be implemented at run 2!

Resulting Neutral Naturalness Sensitivity

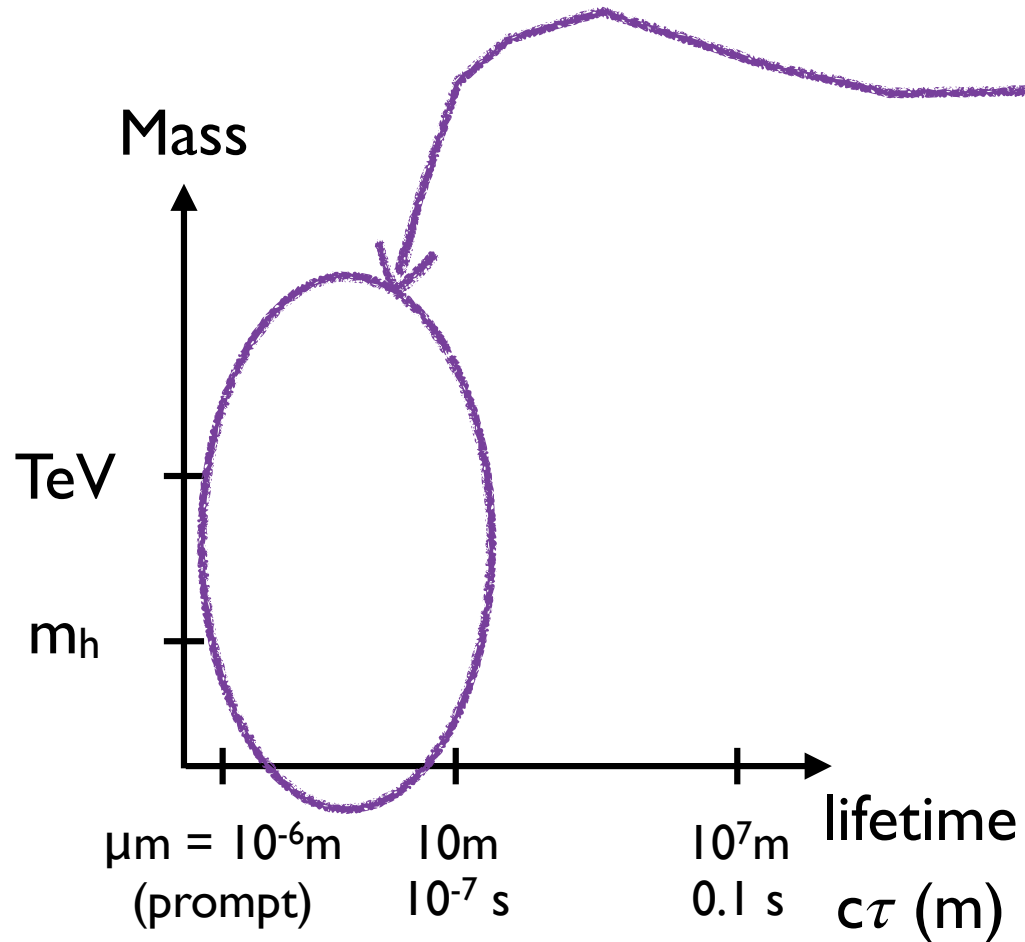
Twin Higgs

I605.02742 Andrea Coccaro, DC, Henry Lubatti, Heather Russell, Jessie Shelton



Allows us to probe $\sim 5 \text{ GeV}$ Glueballs! (very long-lived)

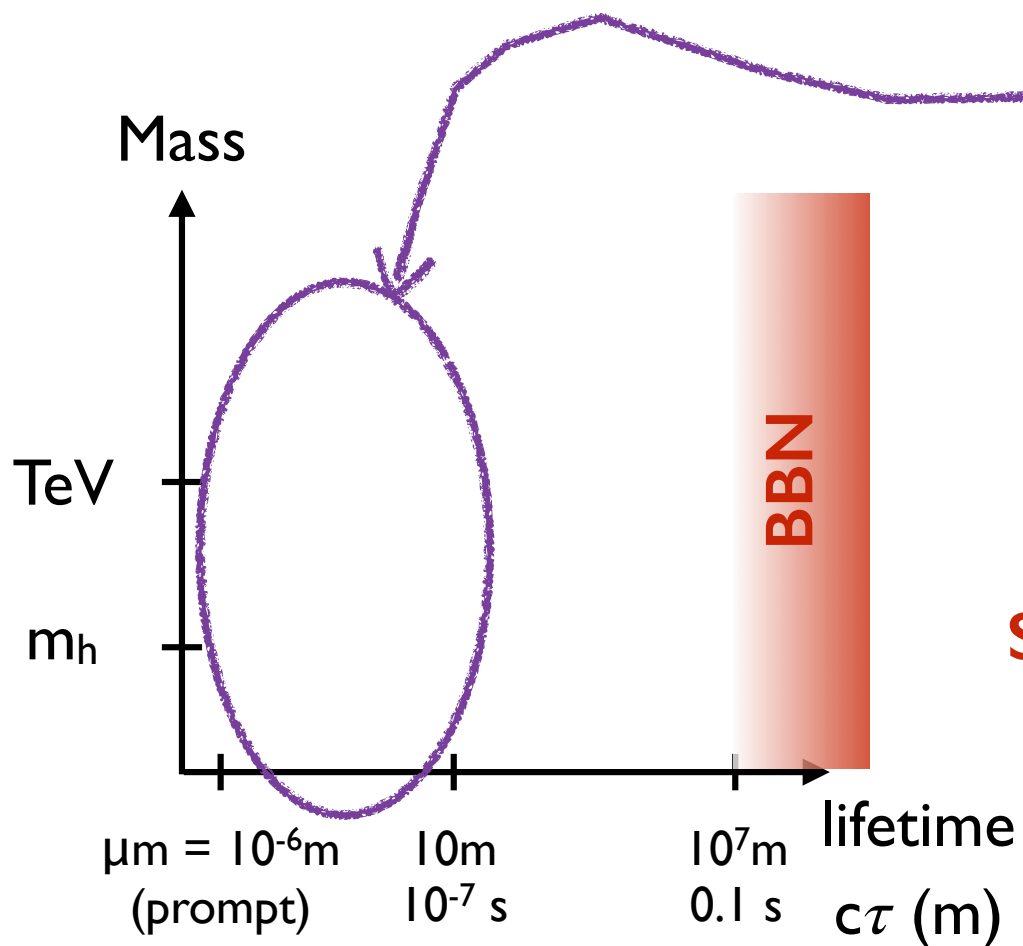
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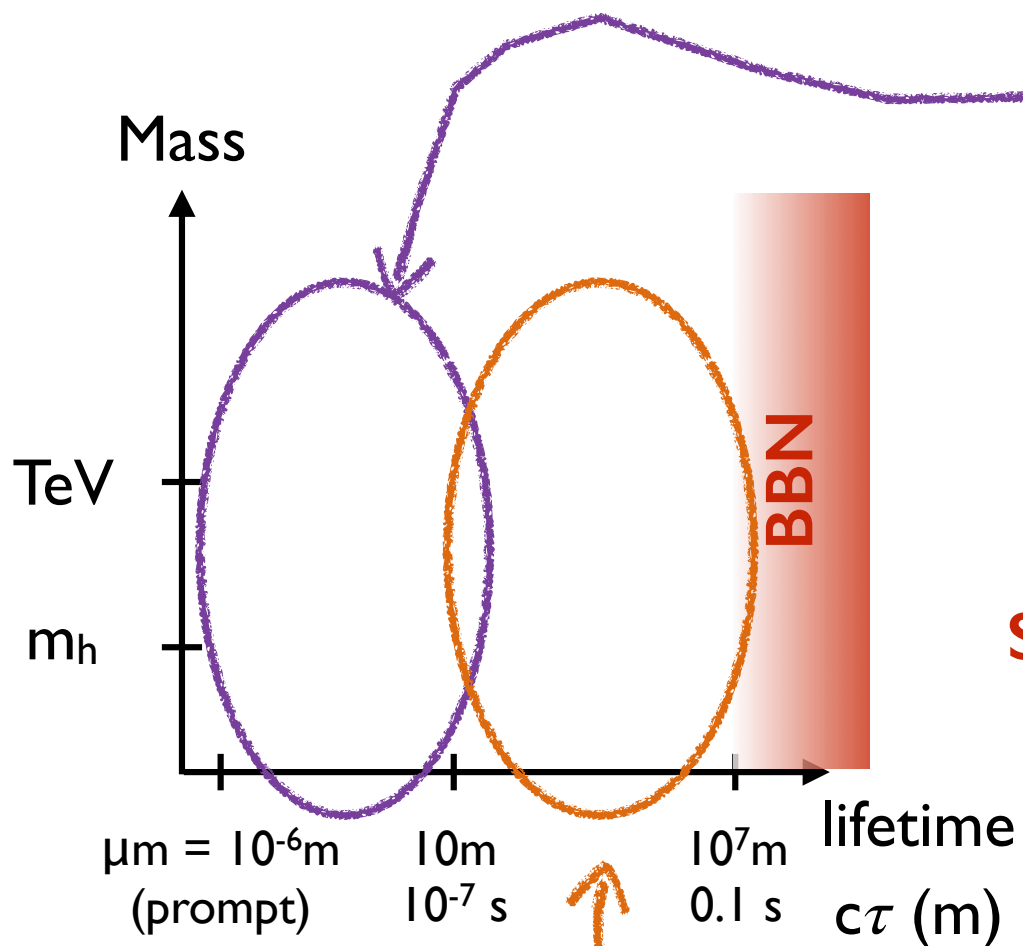


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How oh how...
do we explore this
region?

MATHUSLA

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MAssive Timing Hodoscope for Ultra-Stable Neutral Particles

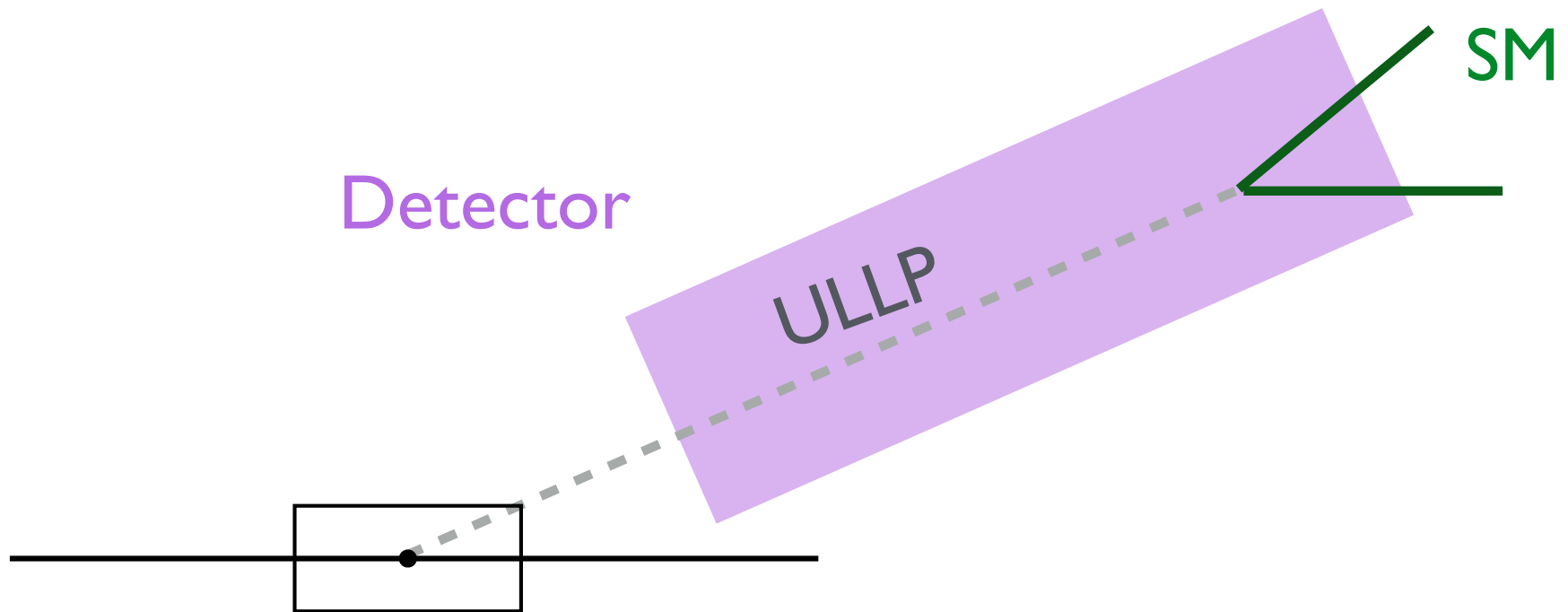
Methuselah (**Hebrew**: מֶתוּשֶׁלַח / מֶתוּשָׁלַח, **Modern** *Metušélah* / *Metušálah* **Tiberian** *Məṭûšélah* / *Məṭûšālah* ; "Man of the dart/spear", or alternatively "his death shall bring judgment"^[1]) is the man reported to have lived the longest at the age of 969 in the **Hebrew Bible**.^[2]



How to detect very long lifetimes?

There's **nothing** clever you can do.

You simply have to instrument a volume of sufficient
LENGTH.



The lifetime is anything from (say) 10^3m to 10^7 or 10^8 m

How much volume do we need?

Want to have a chance of seeing a few decays with
lifetime near BBN limit: $c\tau \sim 10^7 \text{m}$

Assume ULLPs are produced in exotic Higgs decays

Require detector of length:

$$L \sim (20 \text{ m}) \left(\frac{b}{3} \right) \left(\frac{0.1}{\epsilon_{\text{geometric}}} \right) \frac{0.3}{\text{Br}(h \rightarrow \text{ULLP})}.$$

ATLAS or CMS could satisfy this requirement!
($L \sim 1 \text{ m}$, $\epsilon \sim 1$)

Yes, but there's lots of background
to an inclusive LLP search

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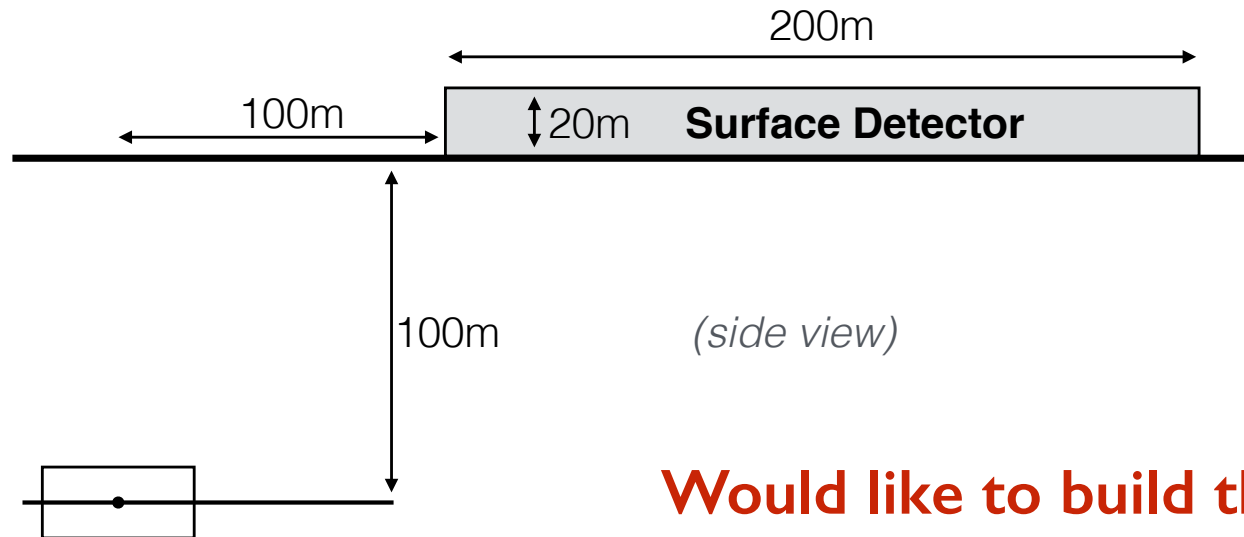
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The defining characteristic of a dedicated ULLP detector is not (only) **enormous size**, but **shielding from the main collision point** to provide a **background-free** environment.

⇒ Has to be separated from main detector by $> 20 \text{ m}$ of rock!

MATHUSLA Surface Detector



Would like to build this in time
for the HL-LHC upgrade!

Crazy expensive? Nope!

Hallow! Air-filled! Room-T!

Low-rate high-threshold environment.

Only the **outside area** of the detector volume needs to be instrumented with relatively simple detectors.

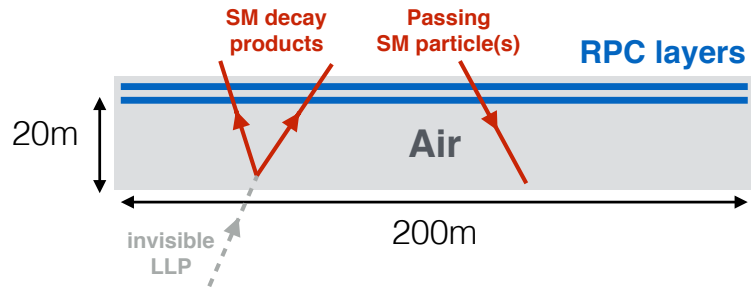
Available Space



need ~ one
nearby farm plot

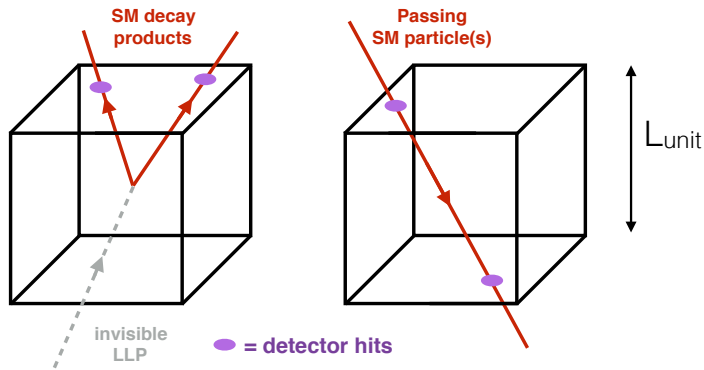


A few design sketches



Layers of RPCs in the roof act as a directional **tracker**.
~ns timing, ~cm position resolution.

Reconstructed vertex of ULLP decay
distinguishable from e.g. passing cosmics.



Hermetic Scintillator Units of 10-30m size
with crude position/timing resolution (m, 10ns).

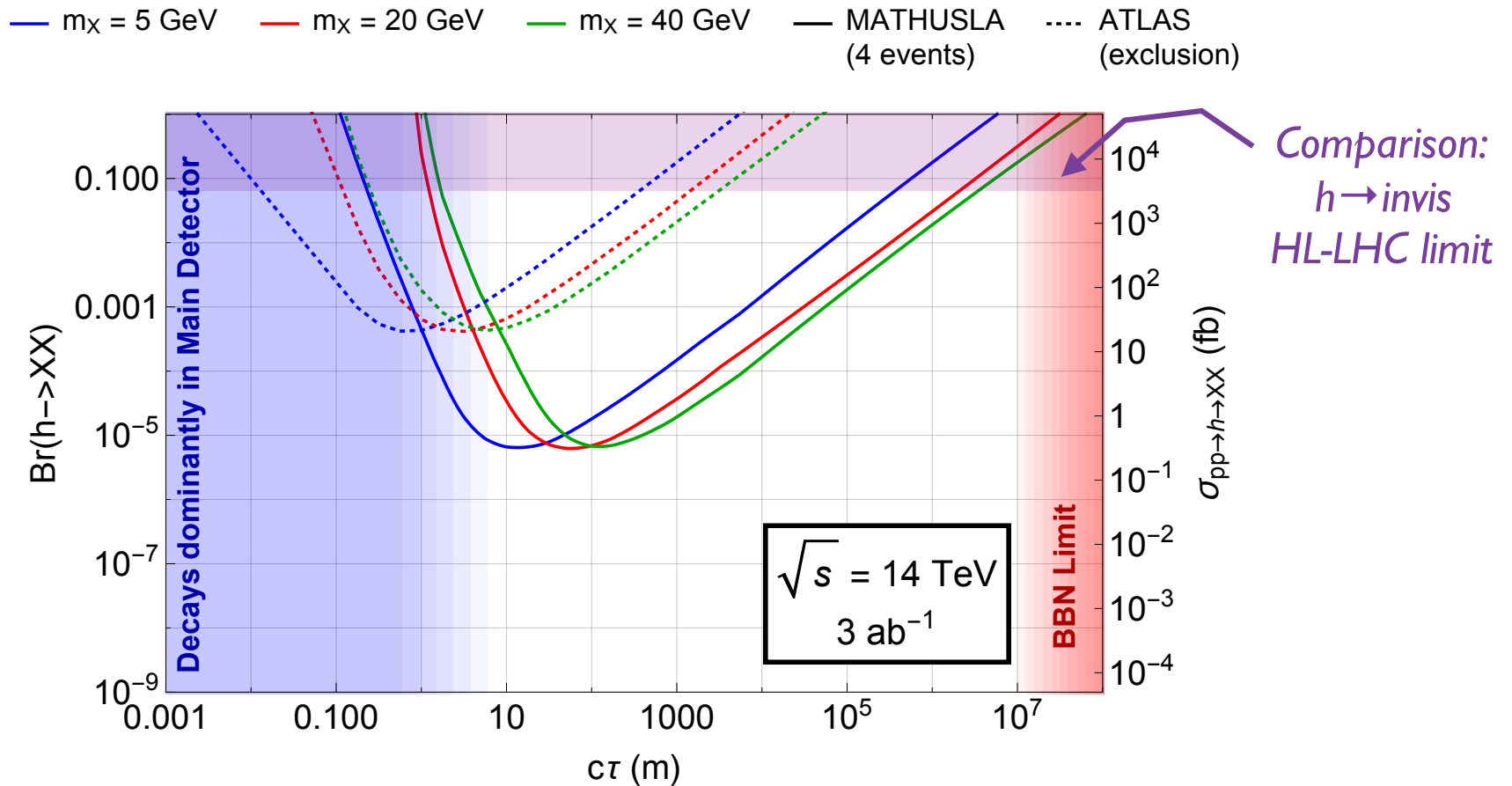
Can tell if something 'appeared' on the inside vs
passed through.

Both of these toy-concepts carry a sensor cost of O(20 million USD)

**In reality, would want hybrid design for both
robust tracking and background vetoes.**

Achievable Sensitivity

$h \rightarrow XX$ simplified signal model for LLP production



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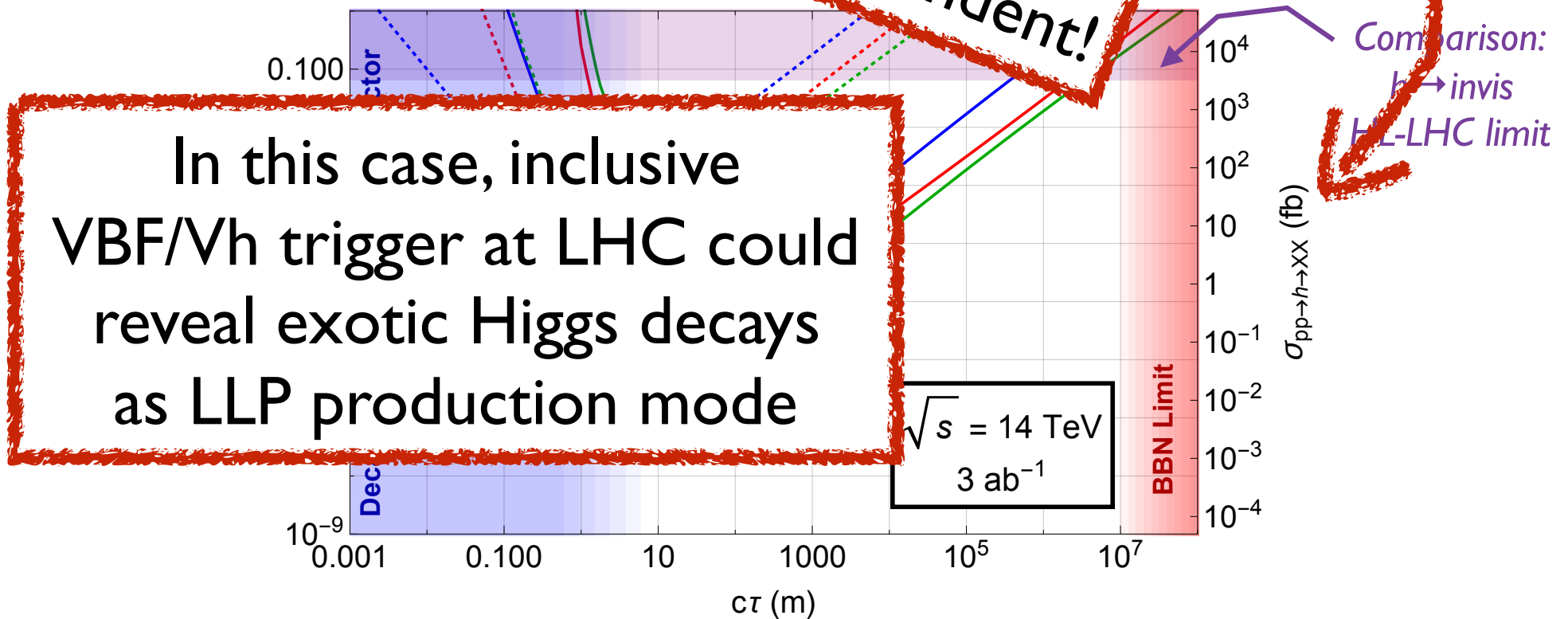
Very close to BBN limit!

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Very model-independent!

— $m_X = 5$ GeV — $m_X = 20$ GeV MATHUSLA (s) ATLAS (exclusion)



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To Do:

Understand potential backgrounds:

Neutrino-Air scattering could fake DVs?

Fluxes seem very manageable and rejectable...

*Very Preliminary,
under study!*

Experiment: Build Prototype:

In talks with various experimental/hardware groups.

Aim: take test data & write letter of intent 2017!

Theory: Make more detailed physics case:

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Aim: release comprehensive report early 2017!

If you are an experimentalist
and want to build a new detector
CONTACT US!

If you are a theorist
and want to contribute your LLP model or study
to the MATHUSLA Physics case
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Spread the word!

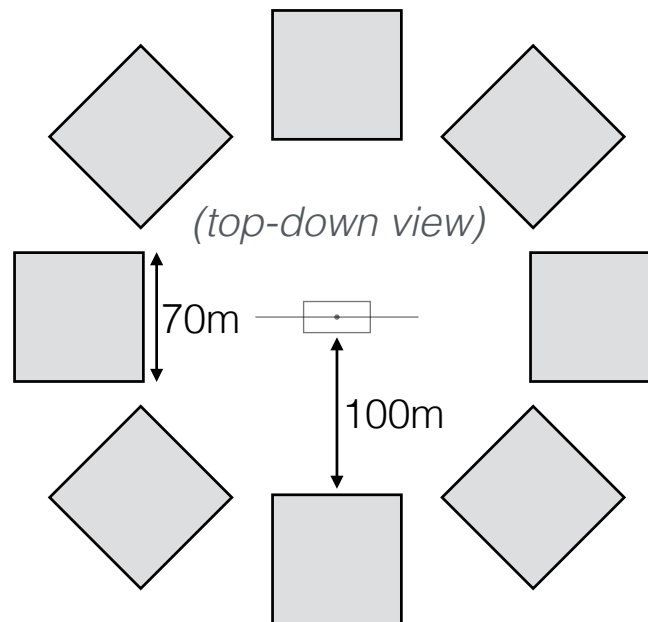
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Backup

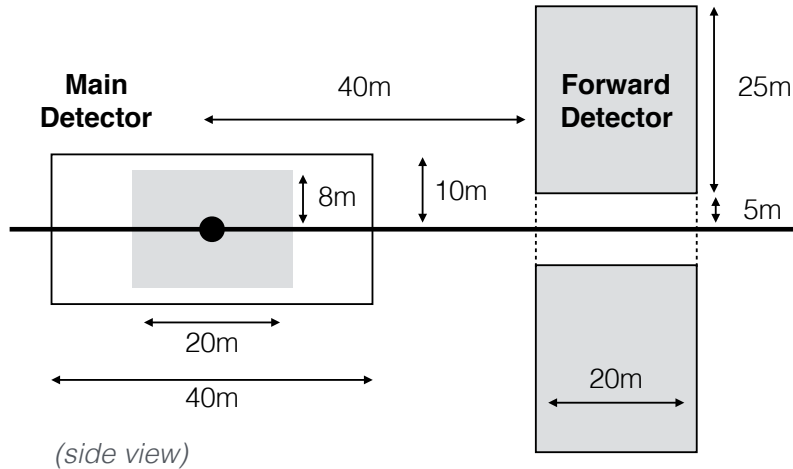
Available Space

Geometry is very flexible!

Could have distributed design,
even split between ATLAS and CMS sites!

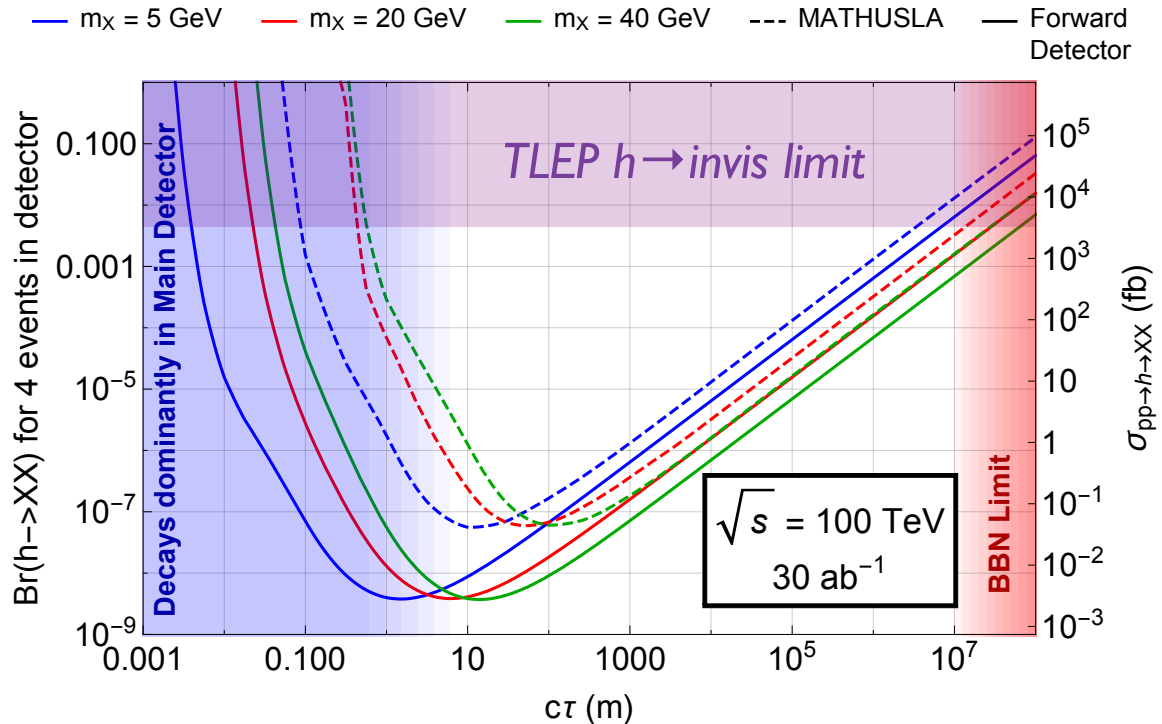


Aside: Start Planning for 100 TeV!



When digging a new tunnel, cavity for dedicated ULLP detector carries very little additional cost!

Compact sub-surface design can achieve much better sensitivity than TLEP for any ULLPs from exotic Higgs decays



Experiment: Small-Scale Prototype

Need to demonstrate feasibility and study backgrounds to anchor various estimates & simulations.

In talks with various detector groups.

Experimentalists:

Join us in building the prototype and developing a letter of intent for a full-scale LHC detector!

Would like to start collecting data by **April 2017!**
(before shutdown)



WE WANT YOU!

Theory: make the physics case

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Detecting Ultra-Long-Lived Particles: The MATHUSLA Physics Case

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Abstract

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Would like to complete
this by ~ Jan 2017!



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