

# Perturbative Unitarity Constraints On (non-)SUSY Higgs Portals

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# A Brief History of New Physics

- Historically perturbative unitarity arguments have reliably indicated when new, perturbative physics will appear:

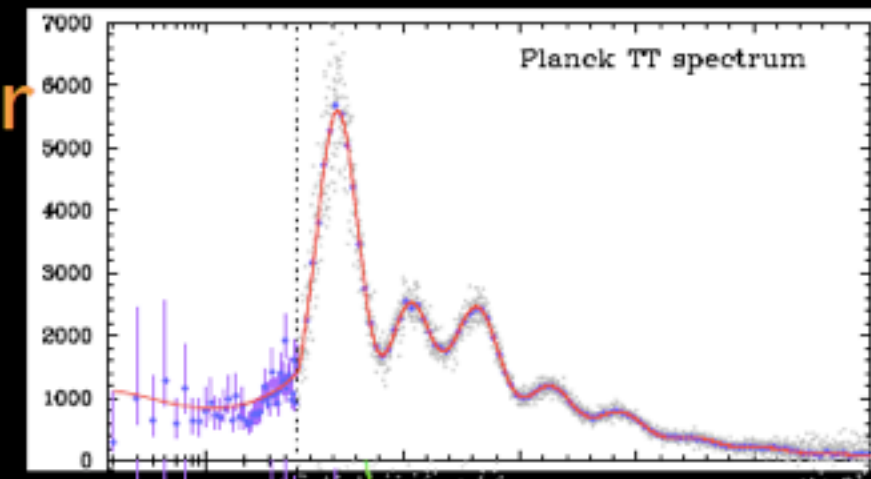
Fermi theory: Dimension six operators violate unitarity around 350 GeV. Rescued:  $W$  boson at 80 GeV.

Light pion effective theory: Pion scattering violates unitarity around 1.2 GeV. Rescued: Axial and vector resonances at 800 MeV.

Electroweak theory:  $WW$  scattering requires new physics around 1.2 TeV. Rescued: SM Higgs boson at 125.5 GeV. A primary motivation for 14 TeV LHC!

# Five evidences for physics beyond SM

- Since 1998, it became clear that there are **at least five missing pieces in the SM**
  - **non-baryonic dark matter**
  - **neutrino mass**
  - **dark energy**
  - **apparently acausal density fluctuations**
  - **baryon asymmetry**



We don't really know their energy scales...

- **Today:** Use perturbative unitarity constraints and the thermal dark matter hypothesis to place bounds on Higgs portal dark matter as well as the visible particles needed for annihilation.

(**Aside:** Essentially, trying to replace naturalness arguments with more rigorous perturbative unitarity arguments to get a better understanding of when new physics will appear.)



# Today's Talk

- Basic Philosophy
- A (Non-SUSY) Higgs portal
  - Two models with fermionic dark matter
  - Perturbative unitarity arguments/relic abundance
  - Bounds/Signatures
- NMSSM Higgs portal
  - NMSSM review
  - Perturbative unitarity arguments/relic abundance
  - Mass/bounds on SUSY Breaking scales
  - Some Signatures
- Conclusions

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- For the **basic philosophy**, consider a generic Higgs portal:
  1. A dark Higgs that couples directly to dark matter.
  2. The dark and the SM Higgses mix to facilitate dark matter annihilations.

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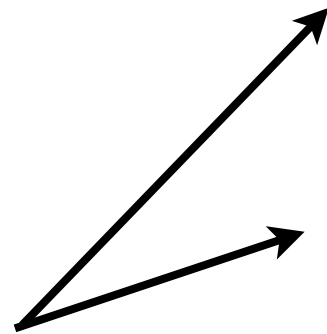
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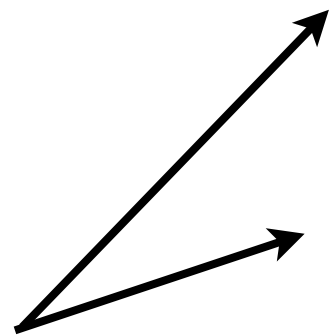
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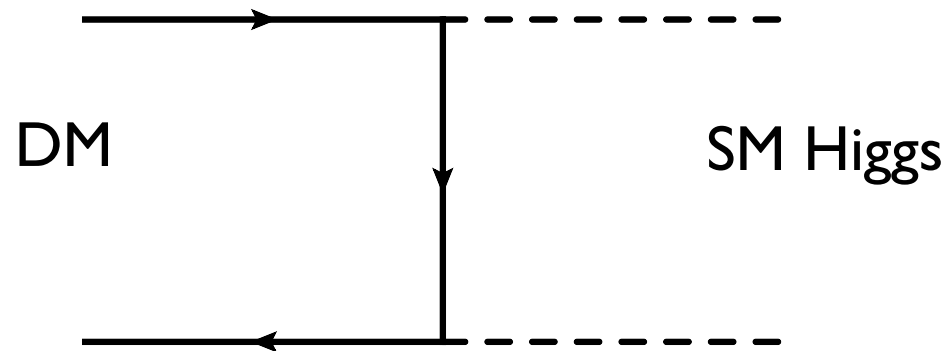


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- As the dark Higgs mass is raised, one is forced to set the mixing angle to zero to satisfy unitarity.

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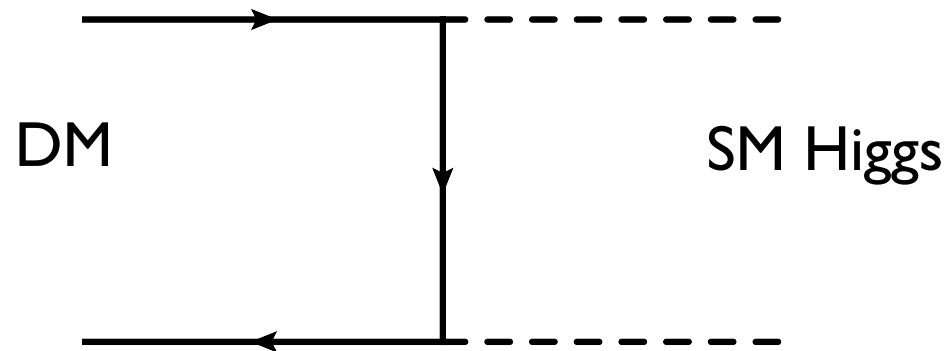
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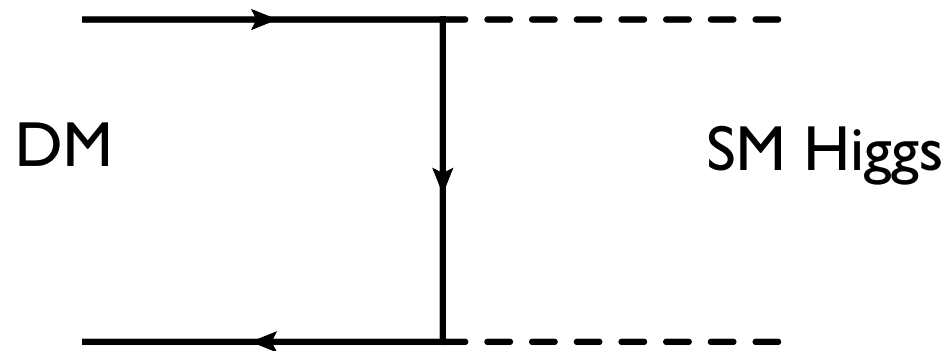
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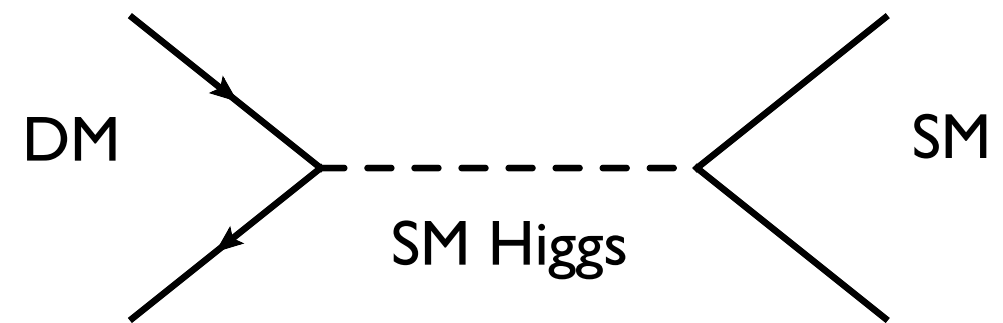
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- The dark Higgs mass cannot completely decoupling.

# Basic Philosophy

- General Philosophy:

Generate **tension** between unitarity and low-energy observables (e.g. relic abundance) to produce upper bounds on new particles.

- Basic claim:

Relic abundance constraints (WIMP dark matter) +

SM Higgs mass constraints +

Unitarity constraints = **New (tighter) Physics Bounds**

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↖ Pseudo-scalar coupling for Model 2.  
Important for dark matter annihilation channels.

- Two models: Model 1:  $\lambda_{\chi A} = 0$ ,  
Model 2:  $\lambda_{\chi A}$  and  $\lambda_{\chi V}$  are non-zero

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- Interested in the limit where the dark Higgs is heavy but the mixing angle is non-trivial.



# Relic Abundance

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(heavy dark Higgs limit)

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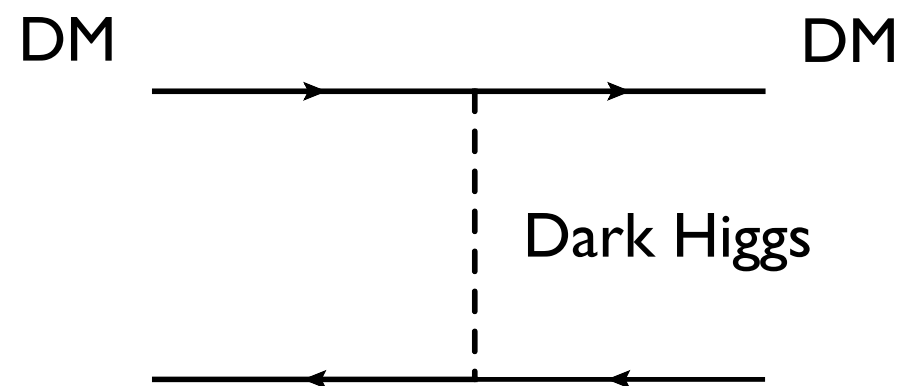
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\*Lopez-Honorez, Schwetz and Zupan,  
Phys. Lett. B 716, 179

# Unitarity Considerations

- **Dark matter/dark matter scattering:**  
(Similar to unitarity bounds\* on heavy 4th generation fermions)



\* Furman, Hinchliffe and Chanowitz,  
Nuclear Physics B153, 402; Physics Letters B78, 285

# Full Unitarity Considerations (Goldstone Boson Limit)

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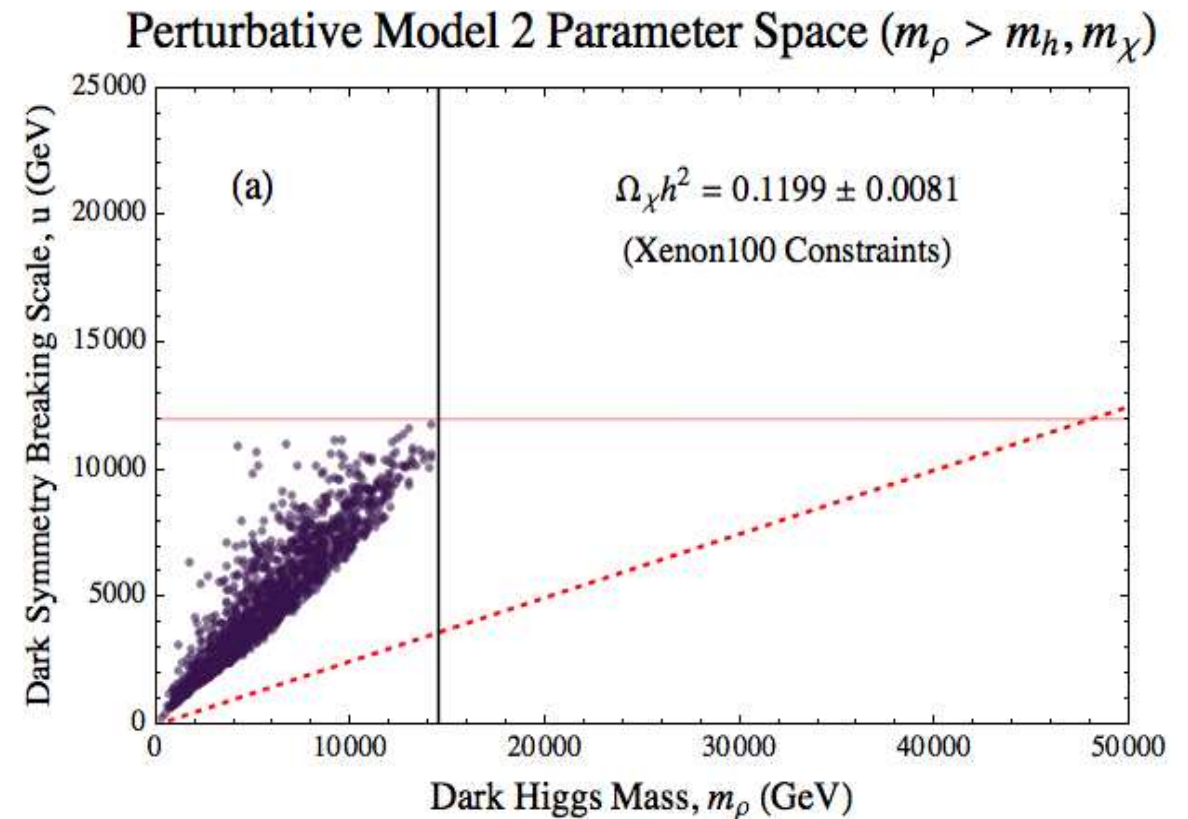
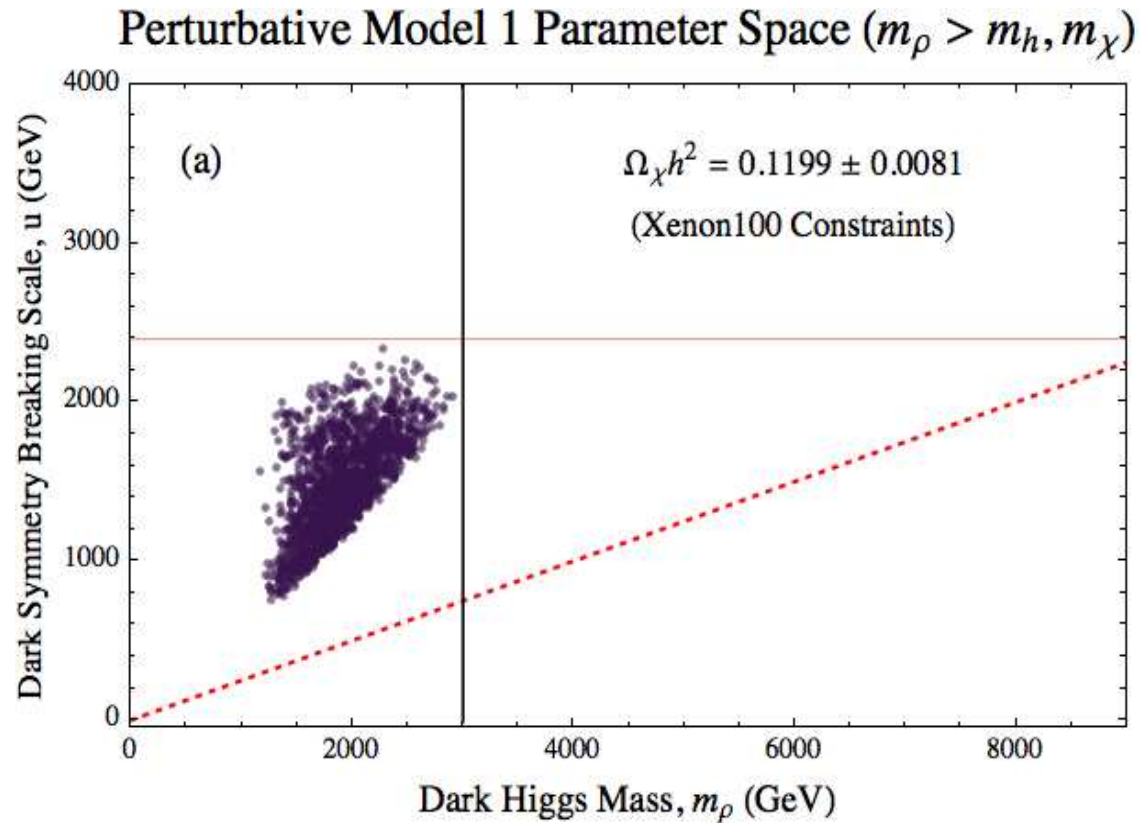
# Perturbative Corrections

- Tree-level unitarity constraints are not enough to get an accurate scale of new physics.\*
- In addition require the next order correction not to generate a 30% correction larger than the tree-level correction\*\*. (no Landau poles)
- More (fuller explanation) on this in the next section.

\*See Aydemir, Anber and Donoghue, arXiv:1203.5153, for a similar conclusion using chiral perturbation theory.

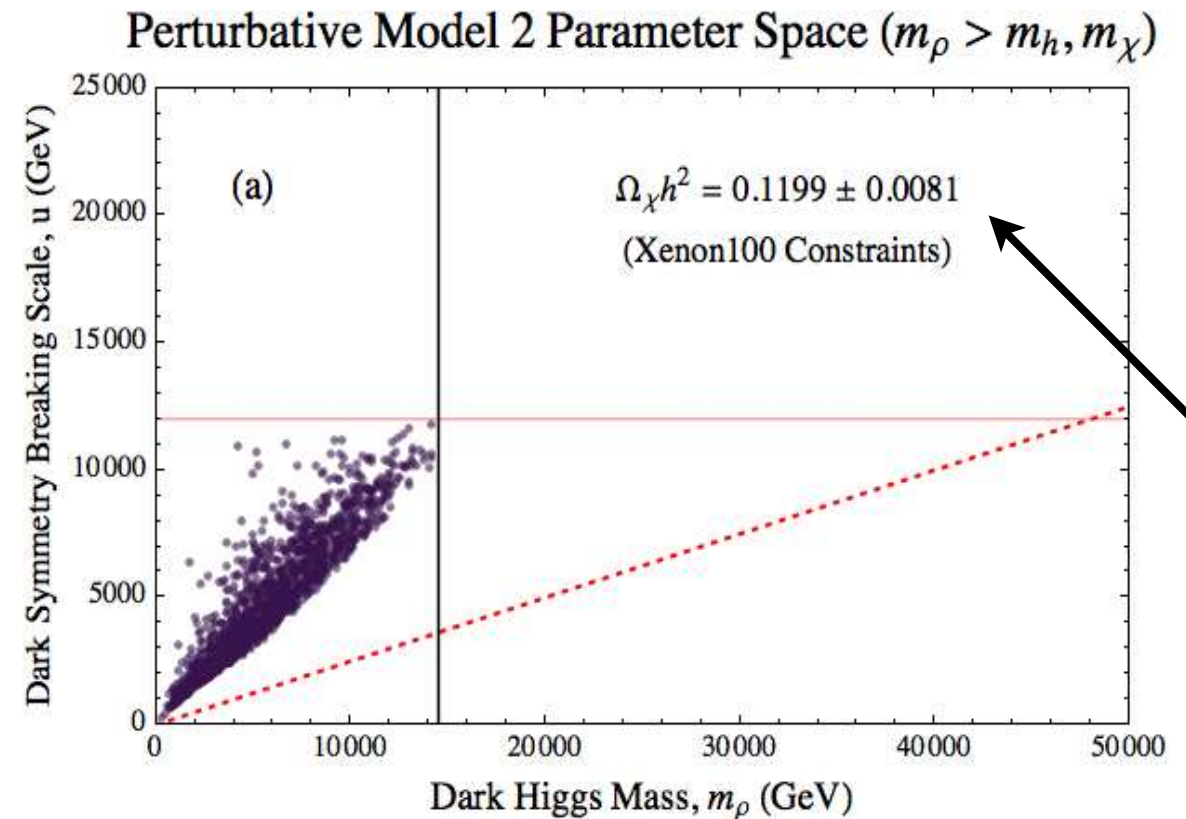
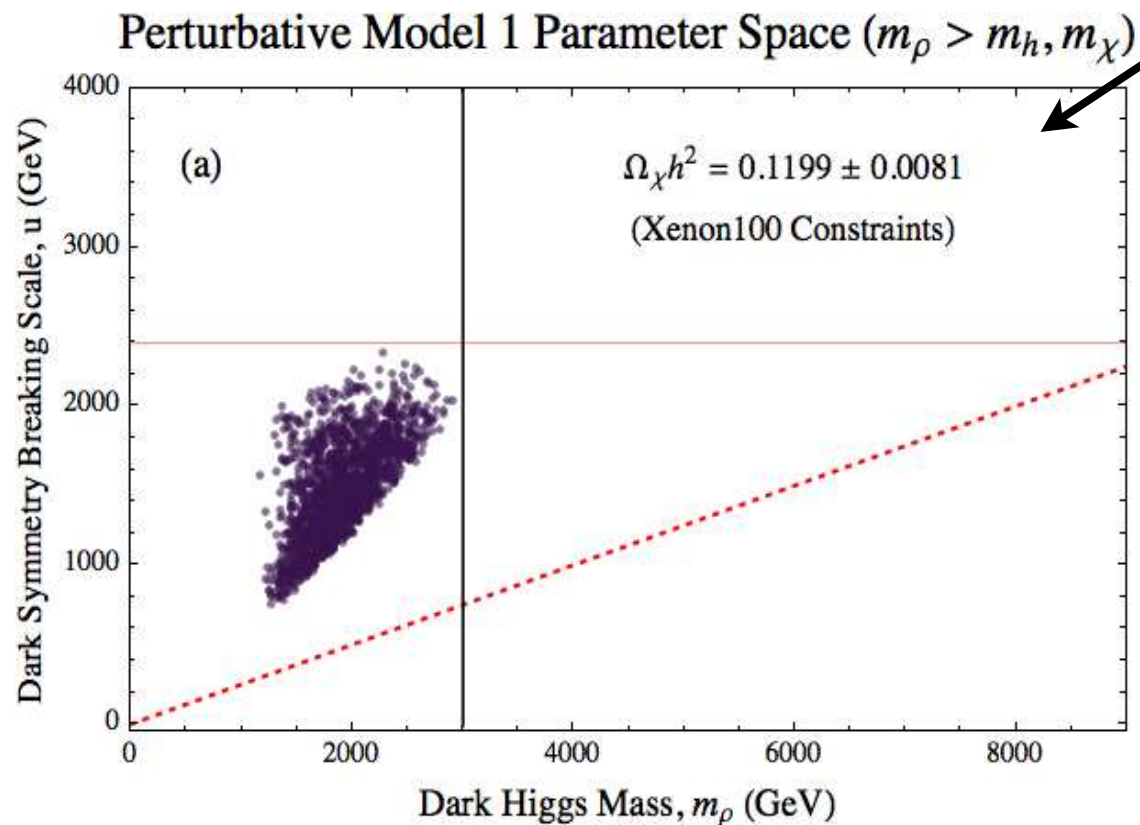
\*\*See Barbieri, Hall and Rychkov, arXiv:0603188.

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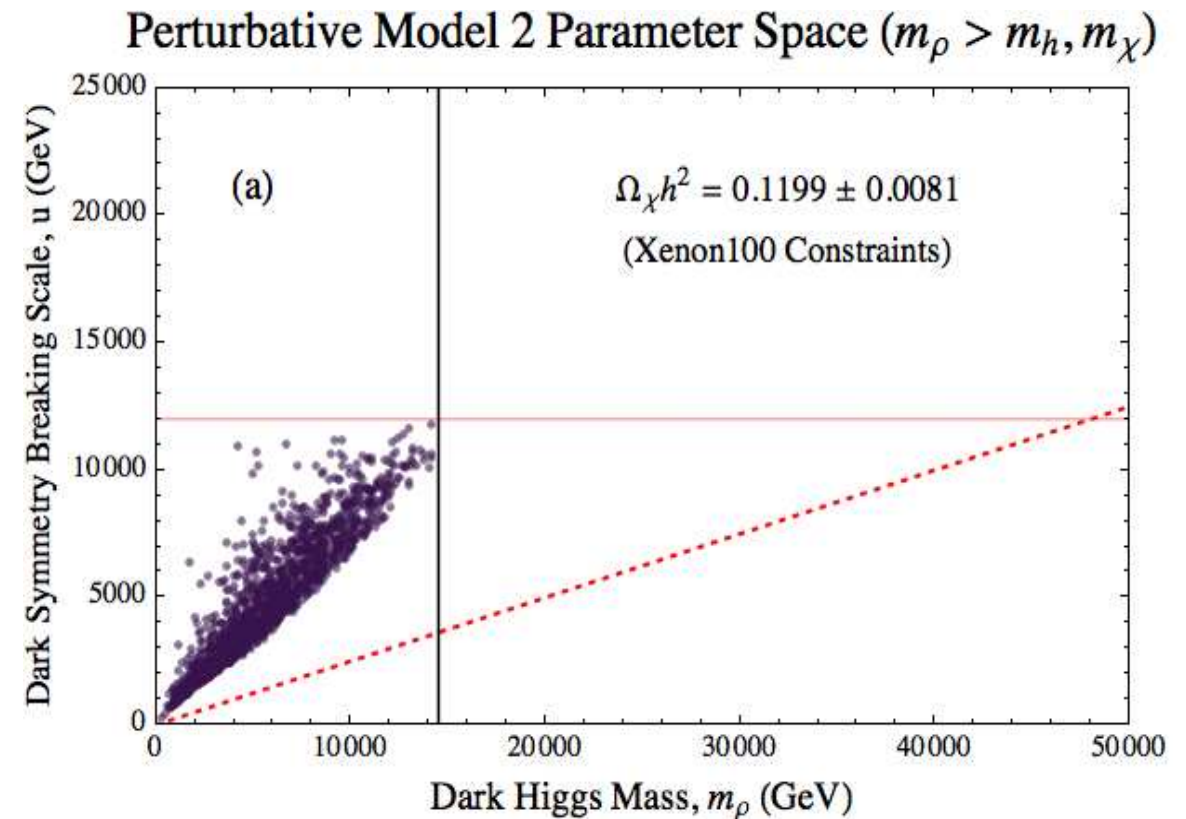
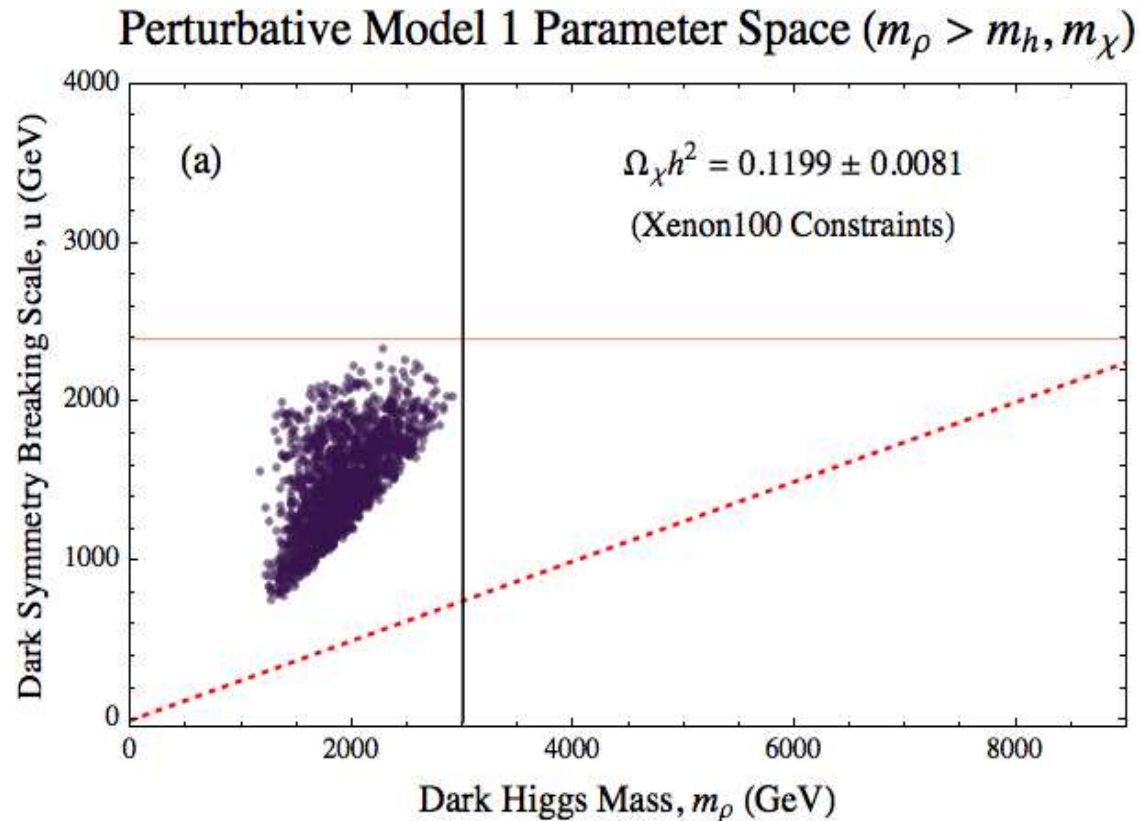


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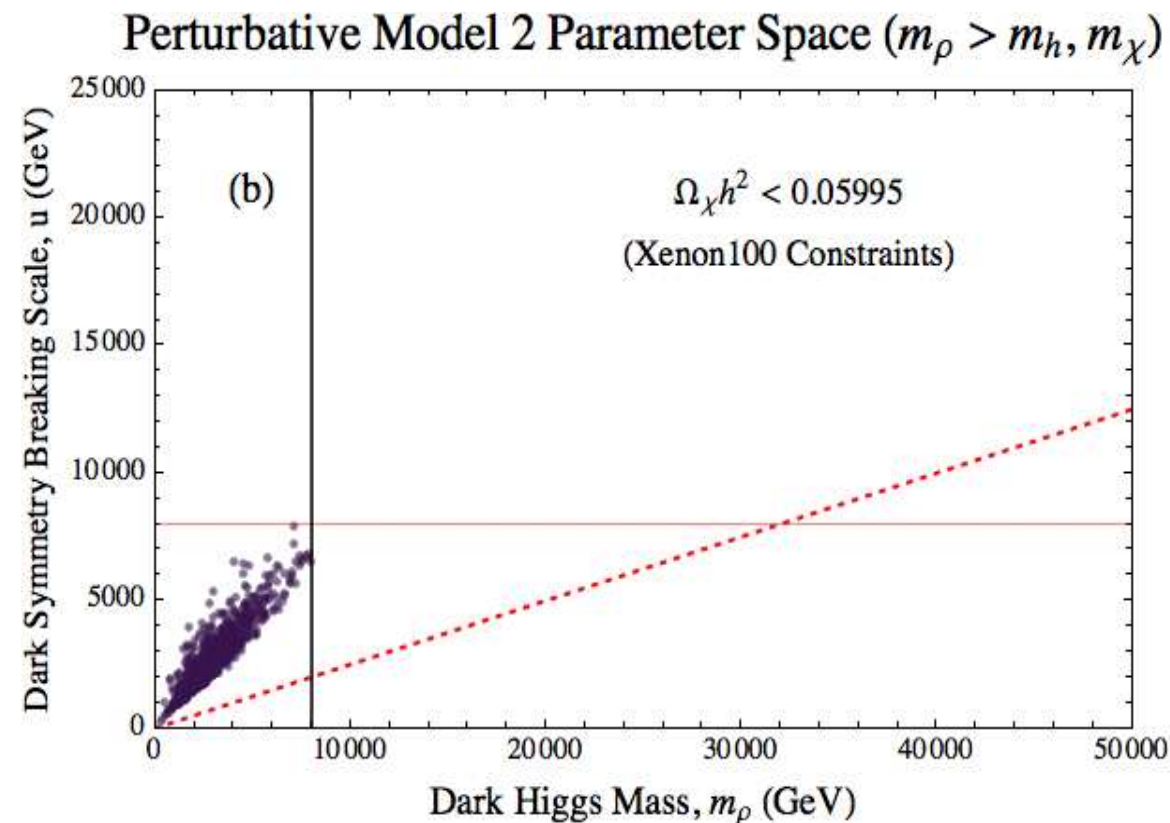
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- IT direct detection searches are sensitive to **all** of the above points.

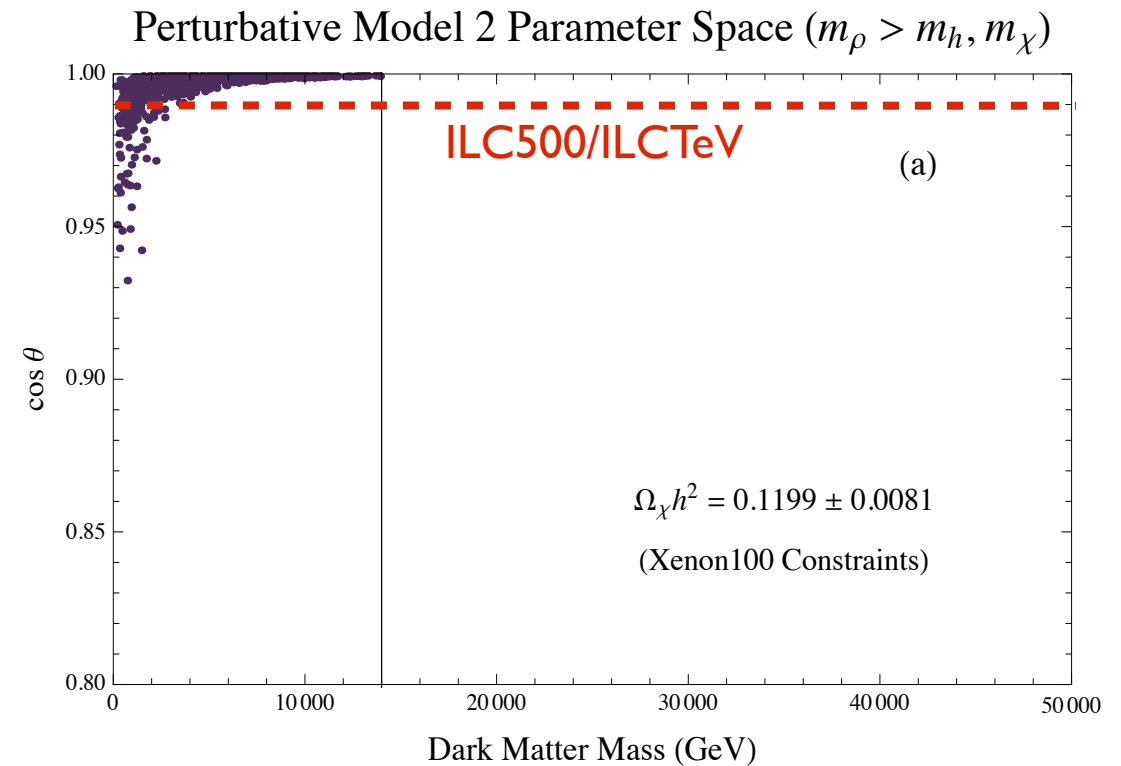
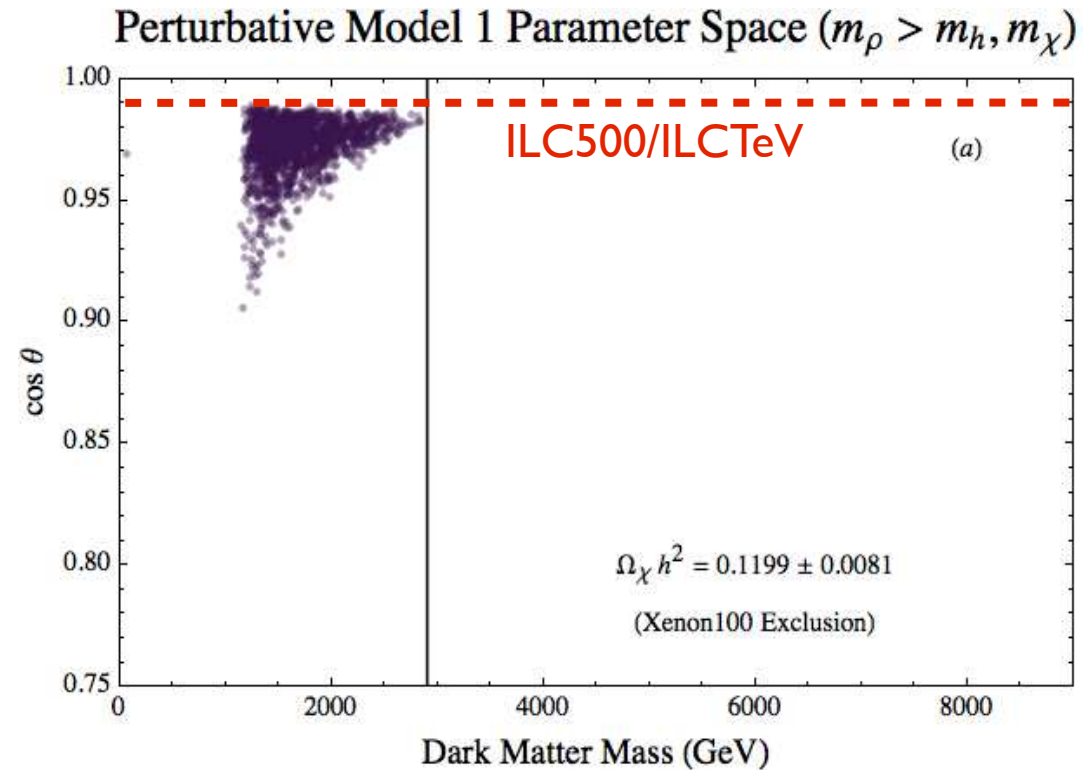
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- Points which satisfy (or give smaller) half of measured relic abundance.

# Philosophy from (non-SUSY) Higgs Portals



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- Precisely measuring deviation from the SM Higgs decays to  $WW$  and  $ZZ$  can severely constrain the parameter space.

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- Focus on the NMSSM Higgs sector  
(only higgsino/singlino dark matter)
- Superpotential/soft-breaking terms:

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{NMSSM}} = -\lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_1 \cdot \hat{H}_2 + \frac{1}{3} \kappa \hat{S}^3 \quad (\text{scale invariant NMSSM})$$

$$V_{\text{soft}} = m_{H_1}^2 H_1^\dagger H_1 + m_{H_2}^2 H_2^\dagger H_2 + m_S^2 S^\dagger S - \left( \lambda A_\lambda S H_1 \cdot H_2 - \frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3 + h.c. \right)$$

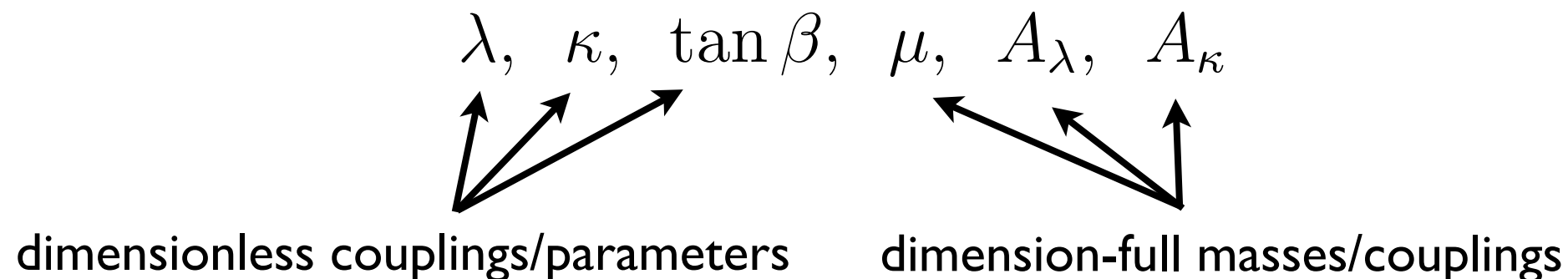
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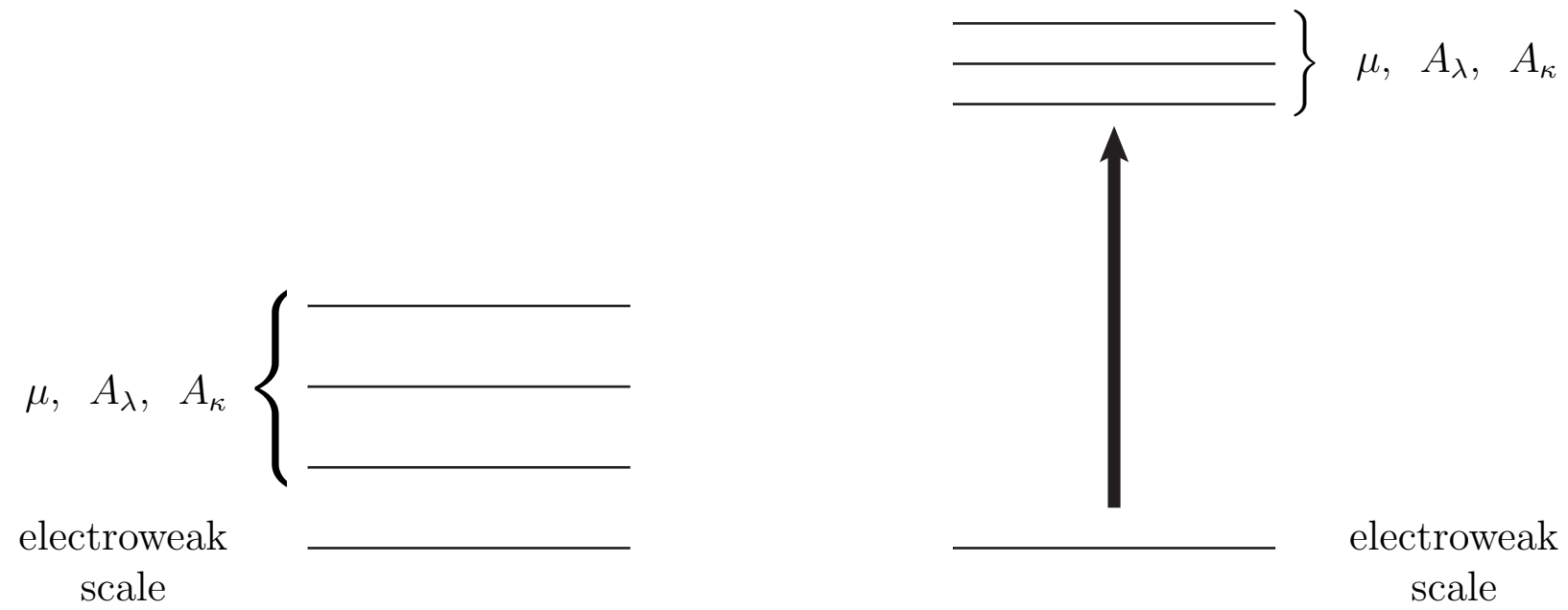
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Want to generate **tension** by decoupling the  
NMSSM SUSY breaking scales.

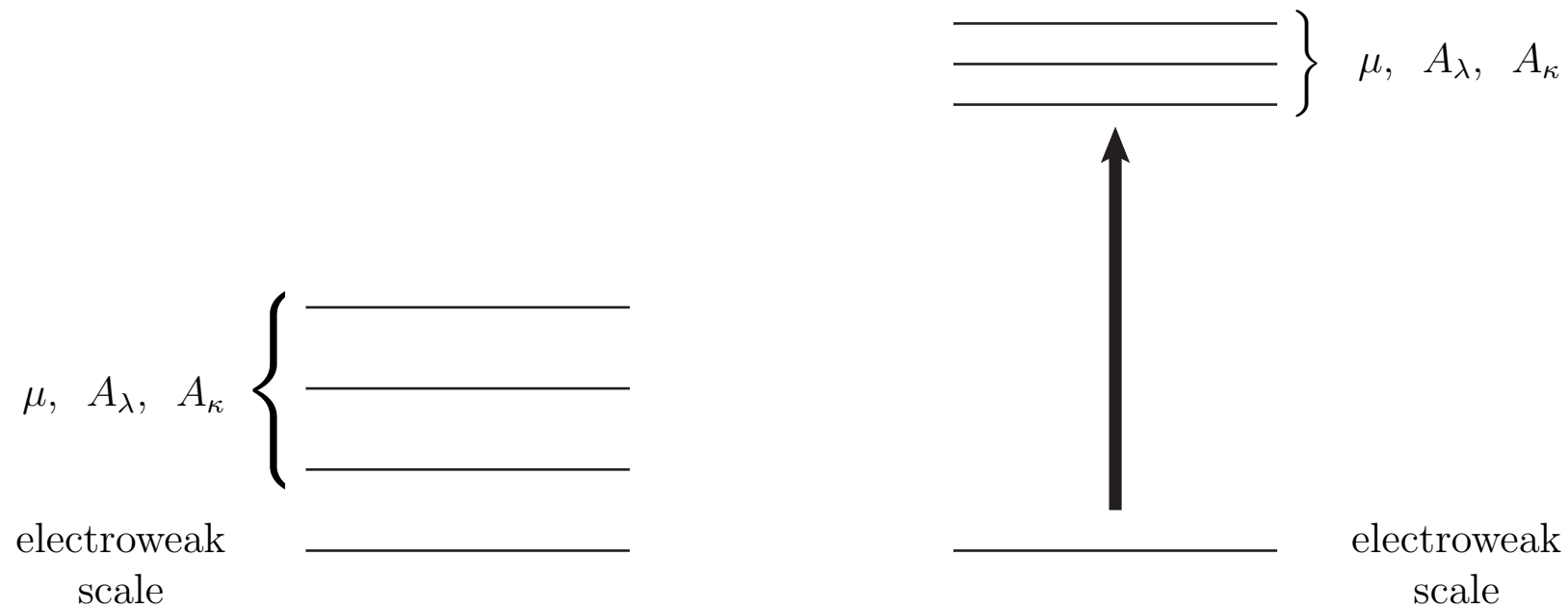
(analogous to decoupling the dark Higgs in the non-SUSY Higgs portal)



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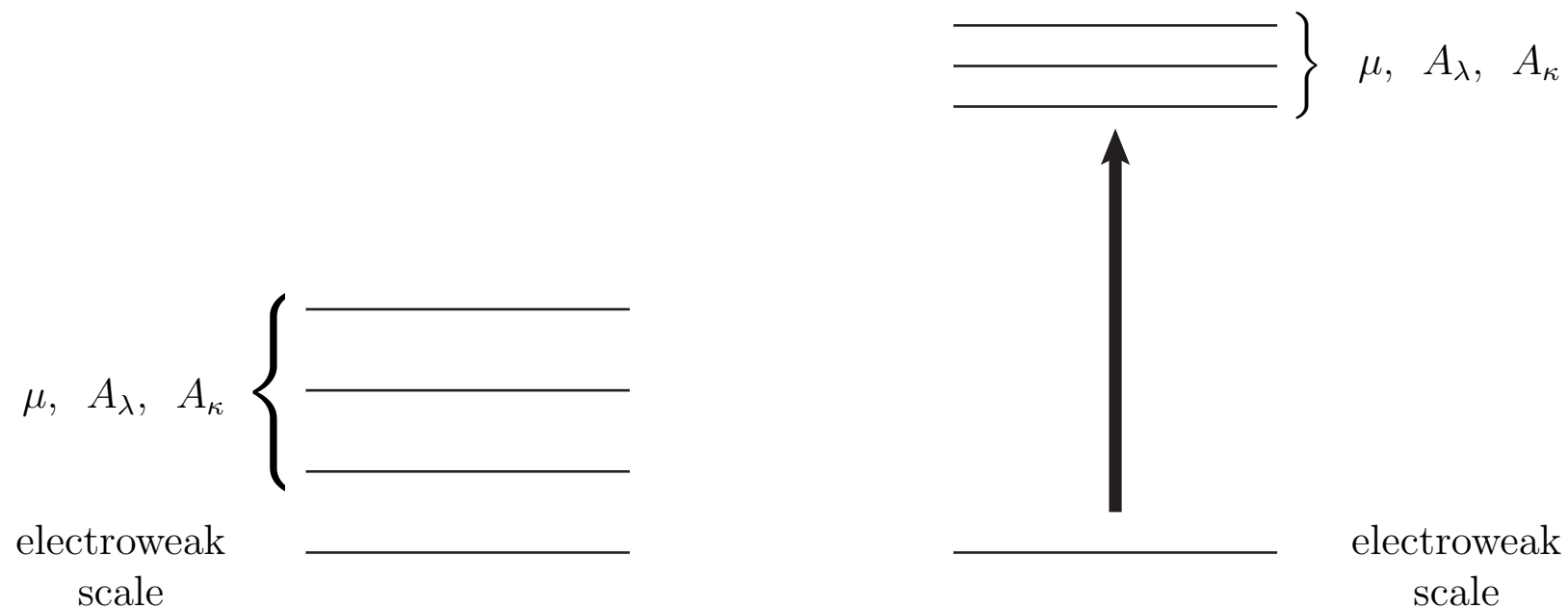
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- SM Higgs mass constrains  $\lambda$  modulo  $\beta$  :

$$m_{\text{SM}}^2 = m_{H_1}^2 < m_Z^2 \left( \cos^2(2\beta) + \frac{2|\lambda|^2 \sin^2(2\beta)}{g_1^2 + g_2^2} \right)$$

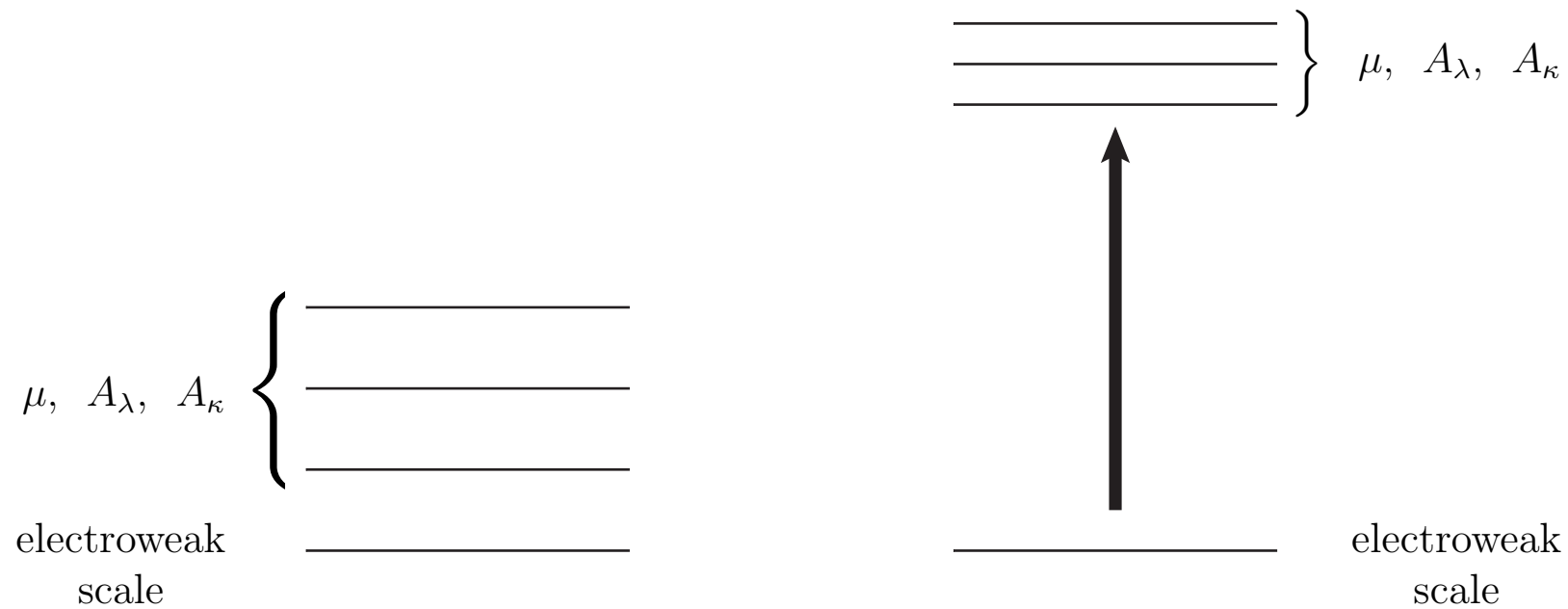
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- **Vacuum constrains\***:  $\lambda, \kappa, \tan \beta, \mu, A_\lambda, A_\kappa$ 
  1. **Forbid D-flat directions in the MSSM potential.**
  2. **Forbid directions where only one MSSM Higgs or singlet gets a vev.**

\*See, e.g., Kanehata, Kobayaski, Konishi, Seto and Shimomura, arXiv:1103.5109

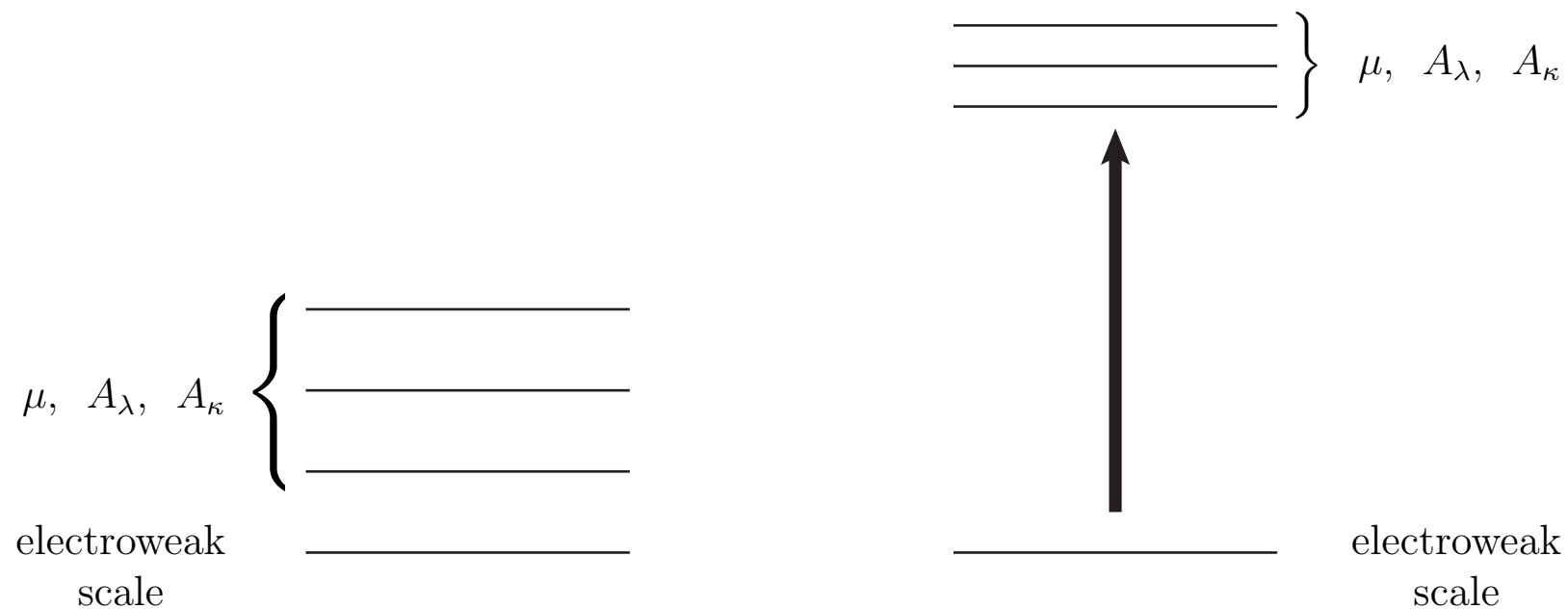
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- Mass spectrum (in the decoupling limit):

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\tilde{H}_1} &= \mu + \mathcal{O}(v) & m_{H_1^0} &= m_h \\
 m_{\tilde{H}_2} &= \mu + \mathcal{O}(v) & m_{H_2^0} &\sim f(\mu, A_\lambda) \\
 m_{\tilde{S}} &= \sqrt{2} \kappa \mu / \lambda + \mathcal{O}(v) & m_S &\sim g(\mu, A_\kappa) \\
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# NMSSM Higgs Sector



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 m_{\tilde{H}_2} &= \mu + \mathcal{O}(v) \\
 m_{\tilde{S}} &= \sqrt{2} \kappa \mu / \lambda + \mathcal{O}(v) \\
 m_{\tilde{H}^{+/-}} &= \mu + \mathcal{O}(v)
 \end{aligned}$$

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 m_{H_1^0} &= m_h \\
 m_{H_2^0} &\sim f(\mu, A_\lambda) \\
 m_S &\sim g(\mu, A_\kappa) \\
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**All non-SM masses increase with decoupling.**

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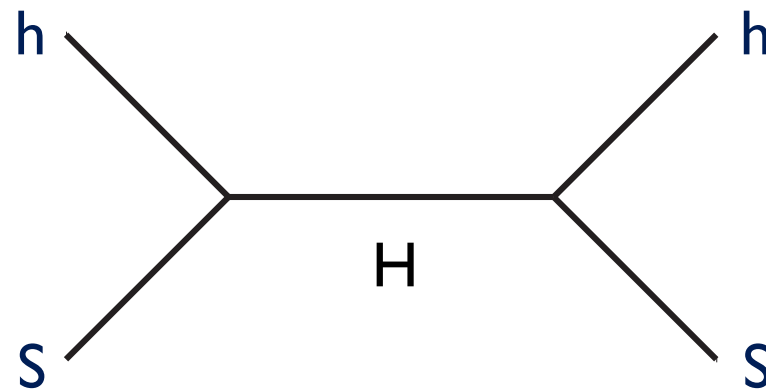
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- Sensitivity to ratios:



$$\mathcal{M} \sim \frac{A_\lambda^2}{s - m_H^2}$$

Code scans over  $s$ . Selects a optimized value of  $s$ , where the amplitude can be maximized.

# Perturbative Unitarity Arguments

- Review:

Unitarity of the S-matrix requires

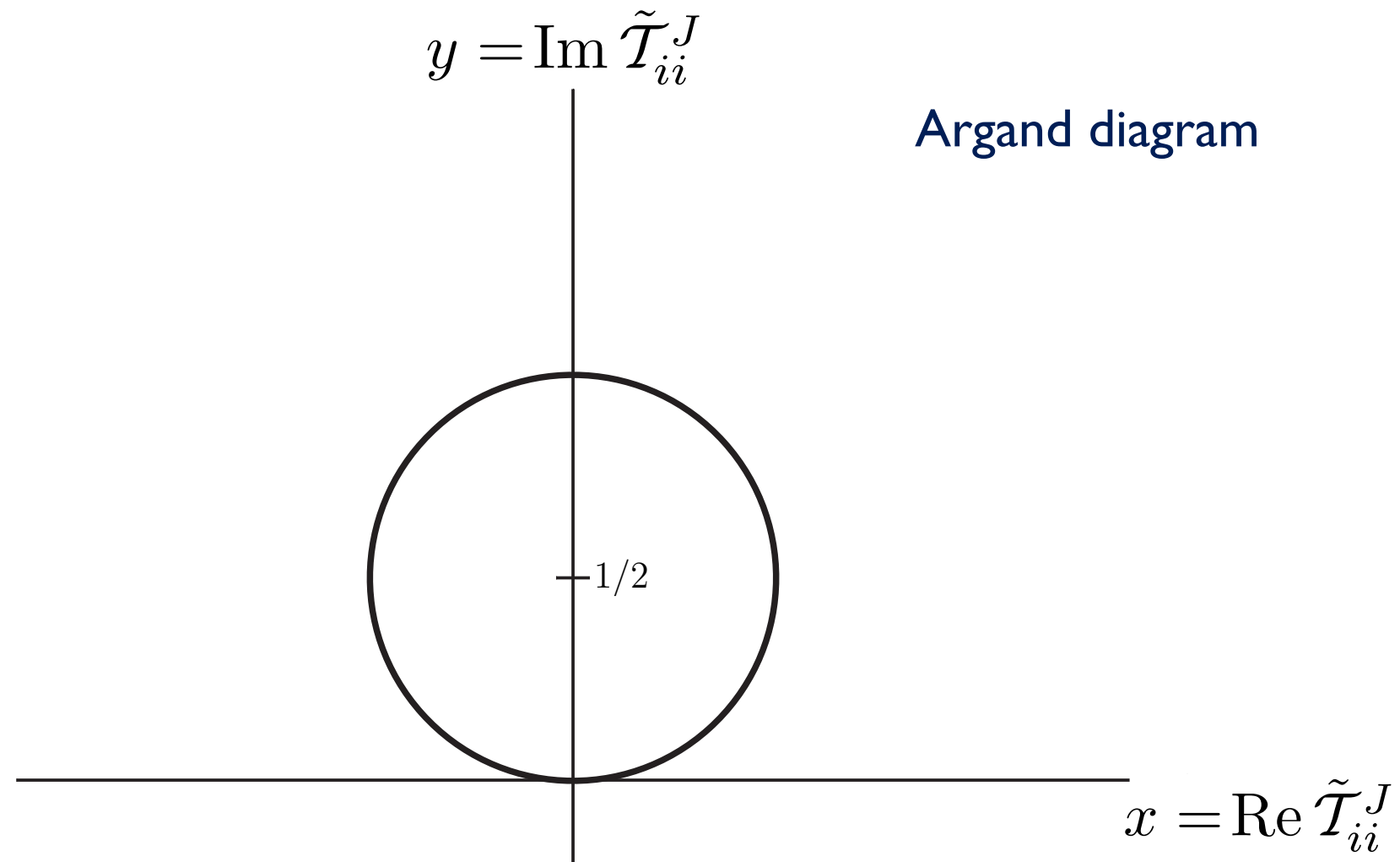
$$-i(T - T^\dagger) = T^\dagger T \qquad \frac{1}{2i} (\mathcal{T}_{fi}^J - \mathcal{T}_{if}^{J*}) \cong \sum_h \mathcal{T}_{hf}^{J*} \mathcal{T}_{hi}^J$$

where

$$\mathcal{T}_{fi}^J = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda_f^{1/4} \lambda_i^{1/4}}{16\pi s} \int_{-1}^1 d\cos\theta \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{fi}(\sqrt{s}, \cos\theta) P_J(\cos\theta)$$

# Perturbative Unitarity Arguments

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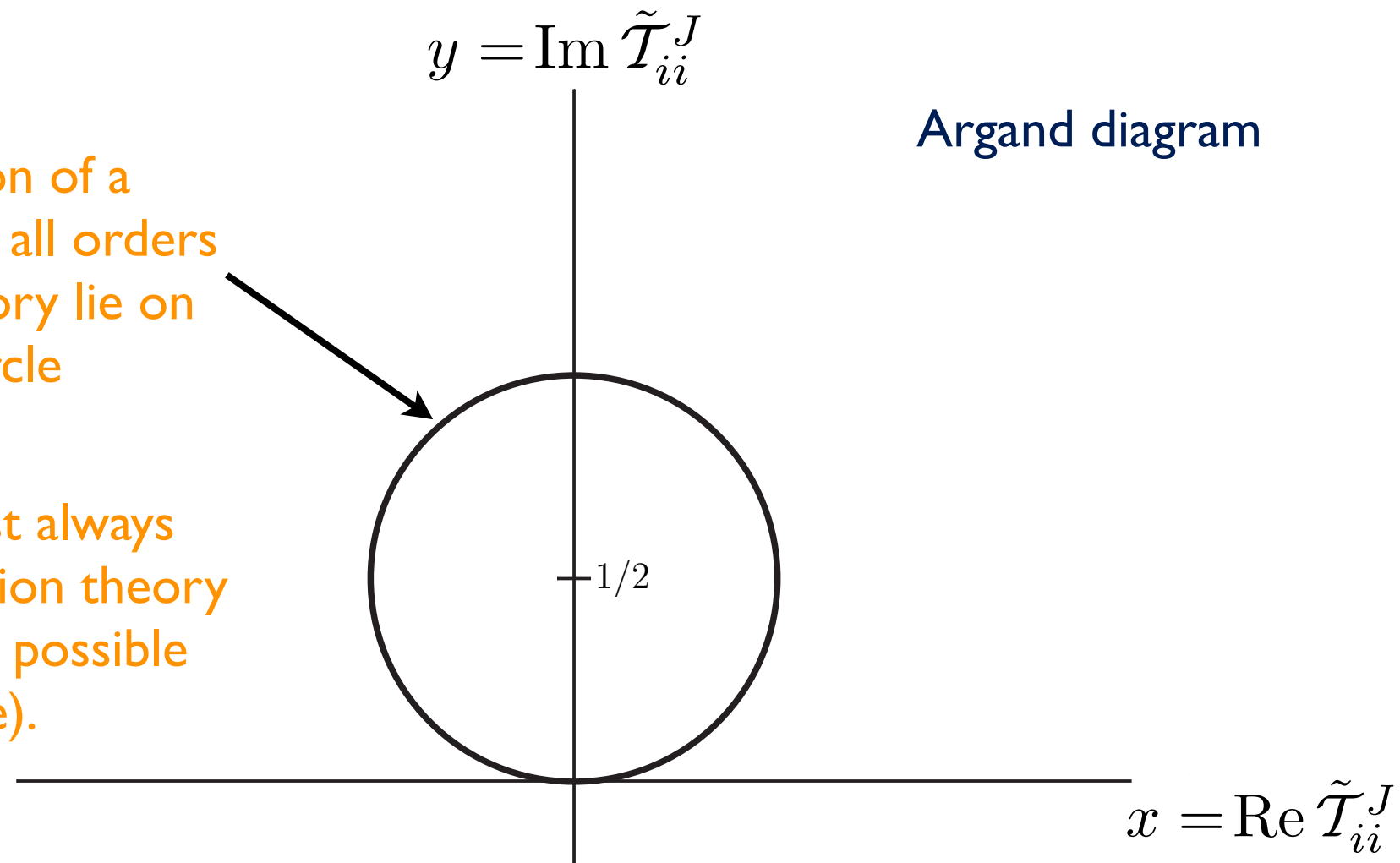


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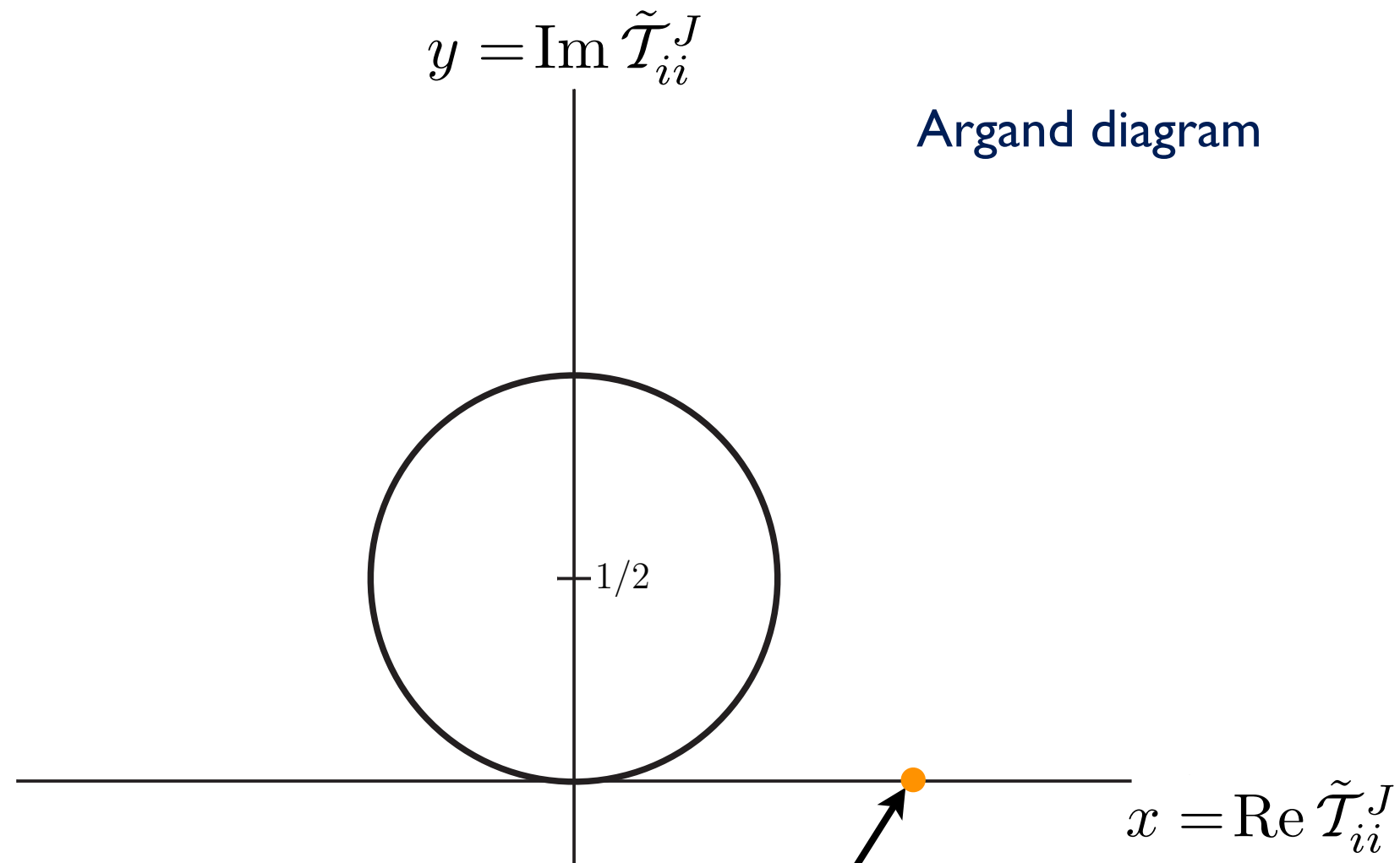
Exact computation of a scattering process to all orders of perturbation theory lie on the Argand circle

However, we almost always compute in perturbation theory to the lowest order possible (off the circle).



# Perturbative Unitarity Arguments

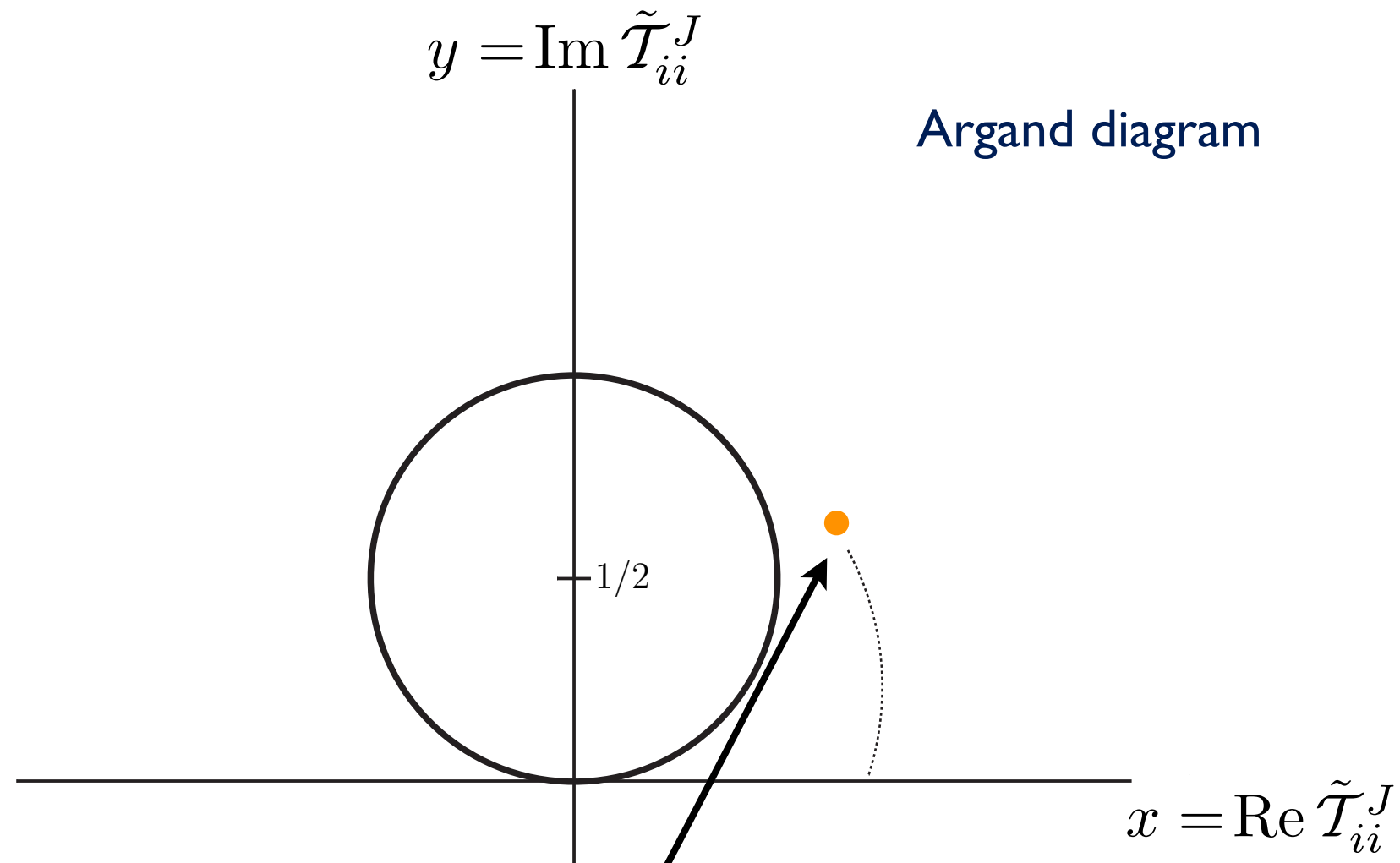
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Unitarity computations in the tree-level, Born approximation appear on the x-axis.

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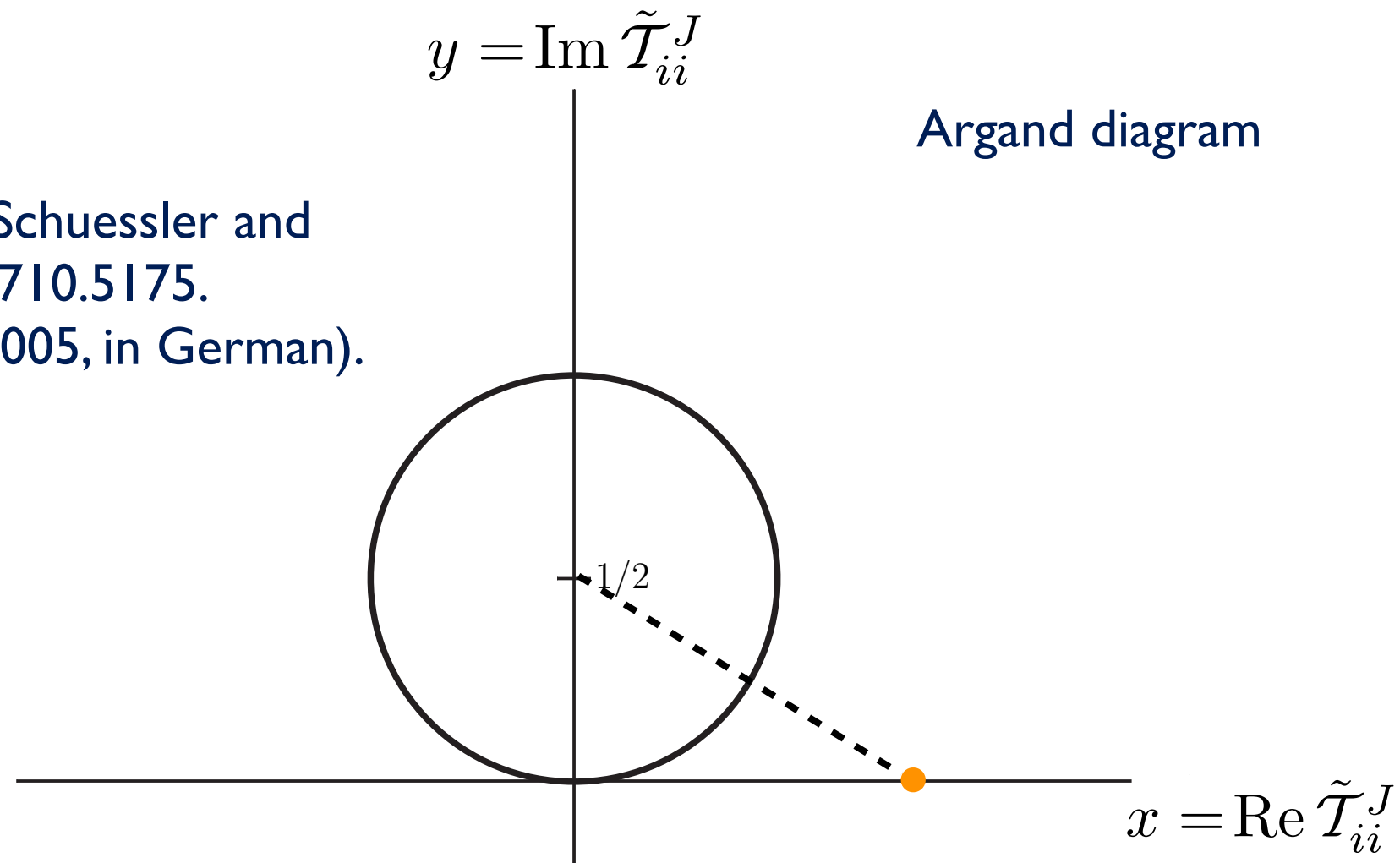
Higher-order corrections move “toward” to the Argand circle. However, a circuitous route is possible\* depending on the size of the correction.

\*See Aydemir, Anber and Donoghue, arXiv:1203.5153, for a similar analysis of chiral perturbation theory.

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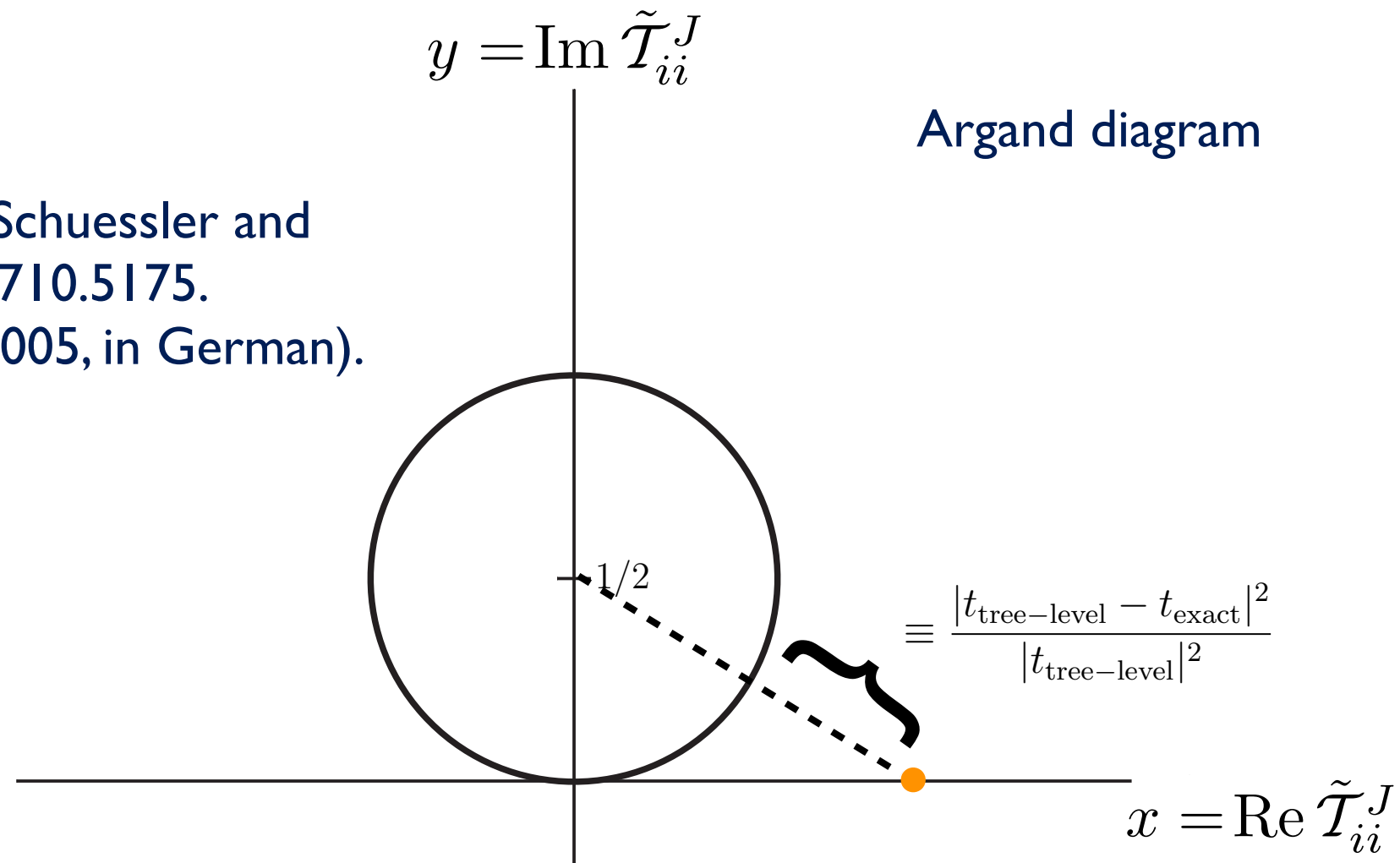
To conservatively estimate the perturbative corrections, take the tree-level computation and draw a straight line to the nearest point\* on the circle.



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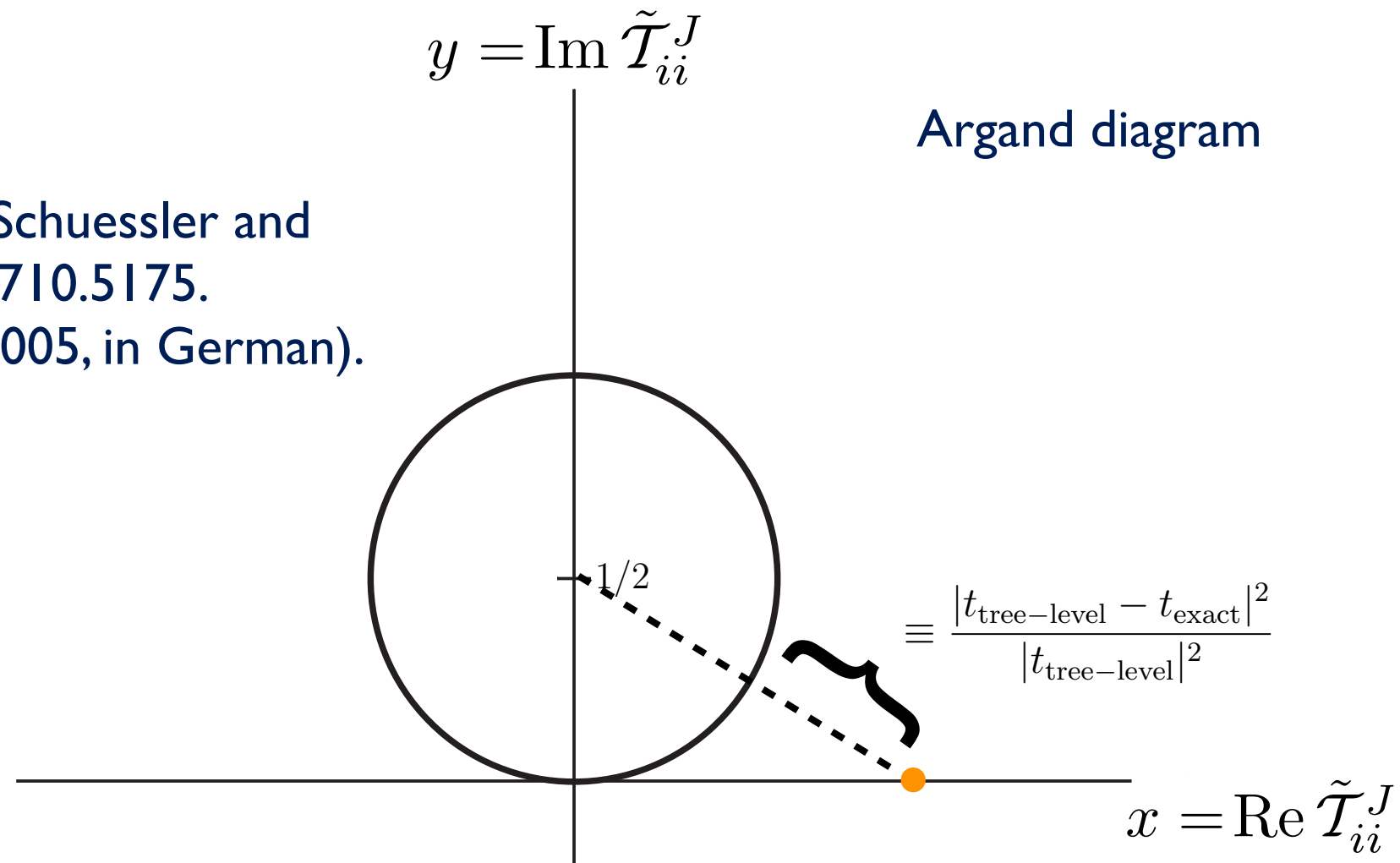


This distance corresponds to the minimum perturbative correction needed to correct the tree-level amplitude\*.

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We scan over  $\sqrt{s}$  to give the maximum value of tree-level amplitude. We only allow points in the parameter space that correspond to less than a 20% correction\* to the amplitude.

# Relic Abundance

# NMSSM Relic Abundance

- Relic abundance “anchors” the NMSSM spectrum. Same for the non-SUSY Higgs portal.
- Roughly, raising the dark matter mass means larger couplings to get the right relic abundance\*.

\*A moral of Griest and Kamionkowski, Phys. Rev. Lett. 64, 615.

# NMSSM Relic Abundance

- Require relic abundance to be less than or equal to the Planck central value.

$$h^2\Omega_c \leq 0.1199$$

- Used **MicrOmegas** and **NMSSMTools**\*.

\*MicroOmegas authors: Bélanger, Boudjema, Pukhov and Semenov

NMSSM Tools authors: Das, Ellwanger, Gunion, Hugonie, Jean-Louis and Teixeira

# NMSSM SUSY Mass Spectrum

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- Analysis: Scan over the NMSSM parameters:

1. SUSY mass parameters:  $|A_i|, |\mu| \leq 40 \text{ TeV}$

2. Dimensionless parameters:  $|\lambda|, |\kappa| \leq 4$

- Apply constraints:

a) Perturbative unitarity constraints

b) Relic abundance

c) Vacuum and other NMSSM consistency constraints.

- Result is a bounded NMSSM spectra

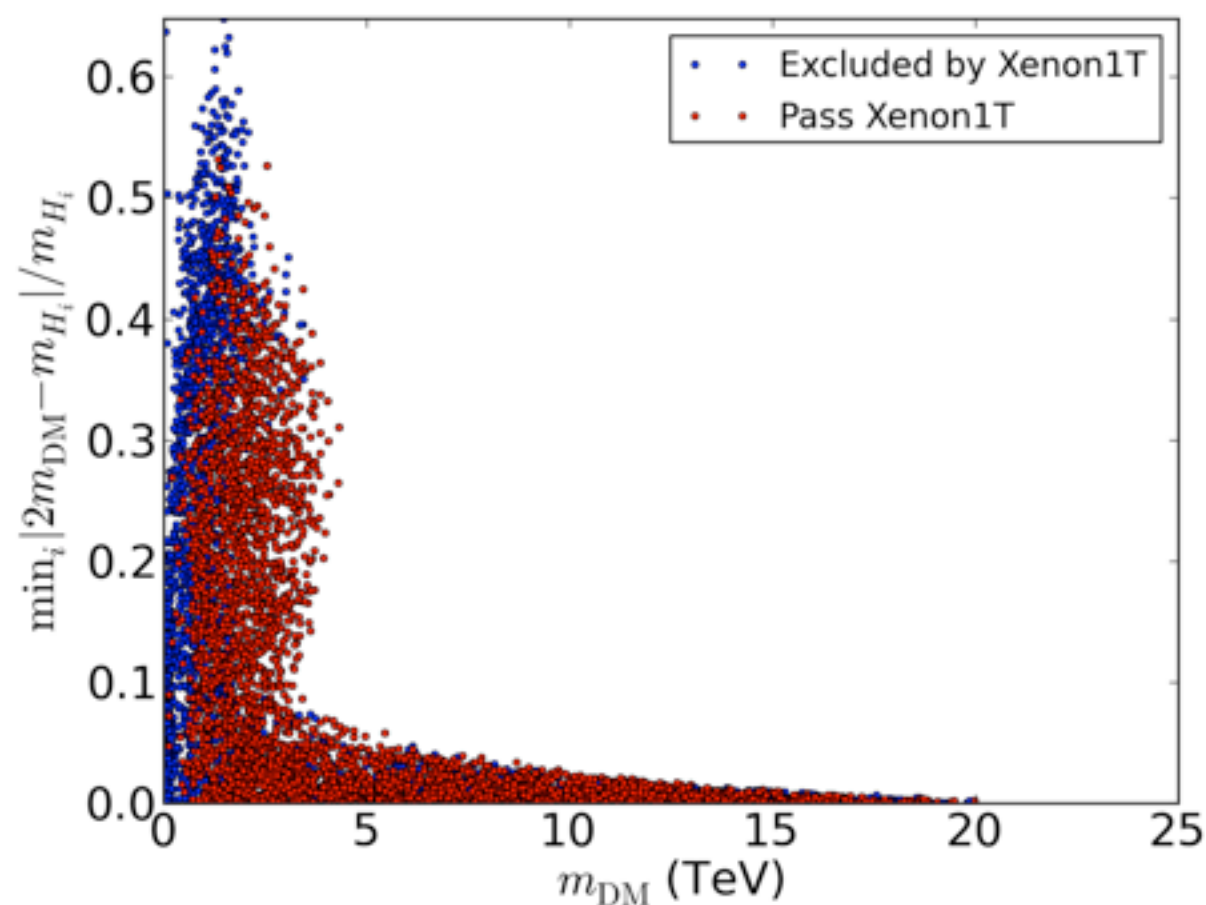
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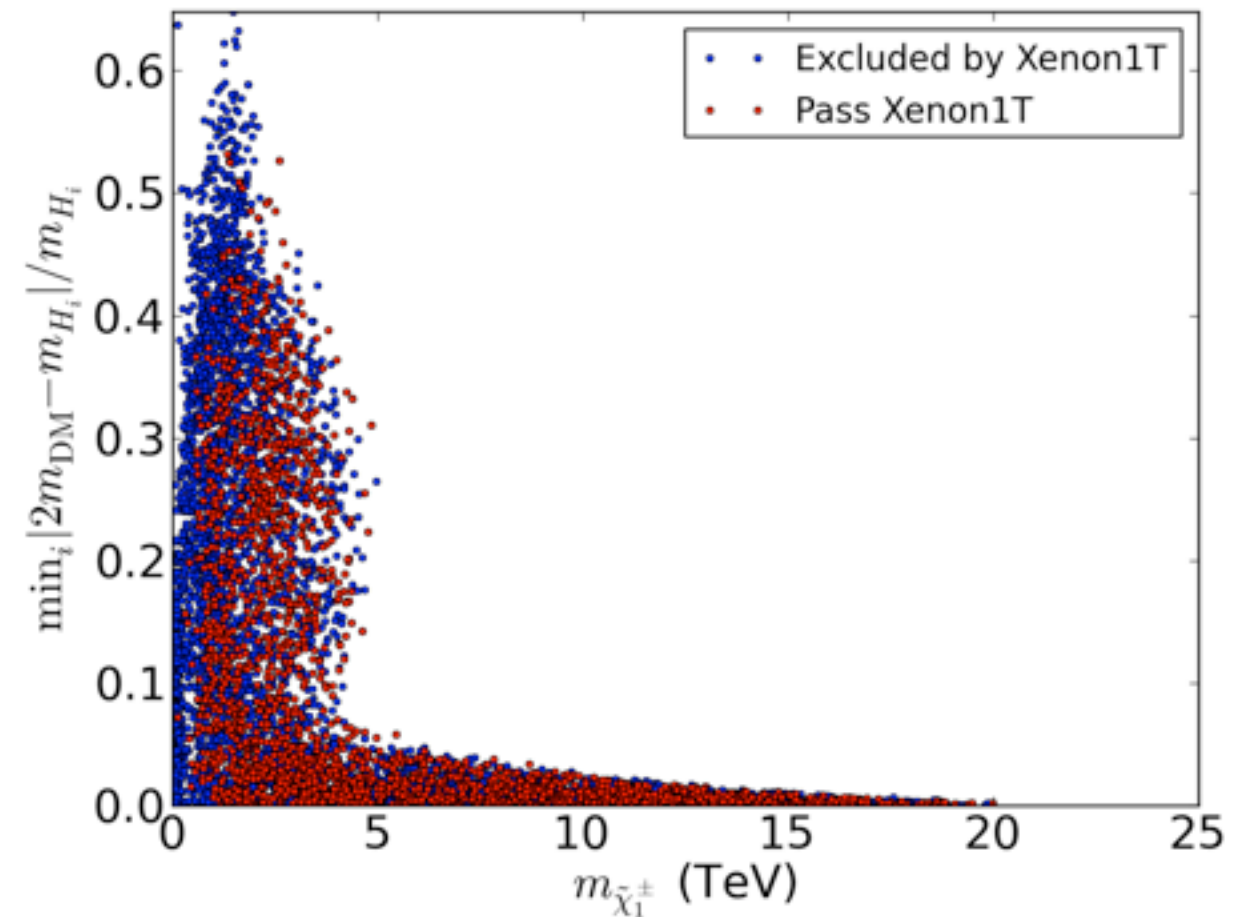
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Red - Xenon 1T projected exclusion



Dark Matter Mass



Chargino Mass



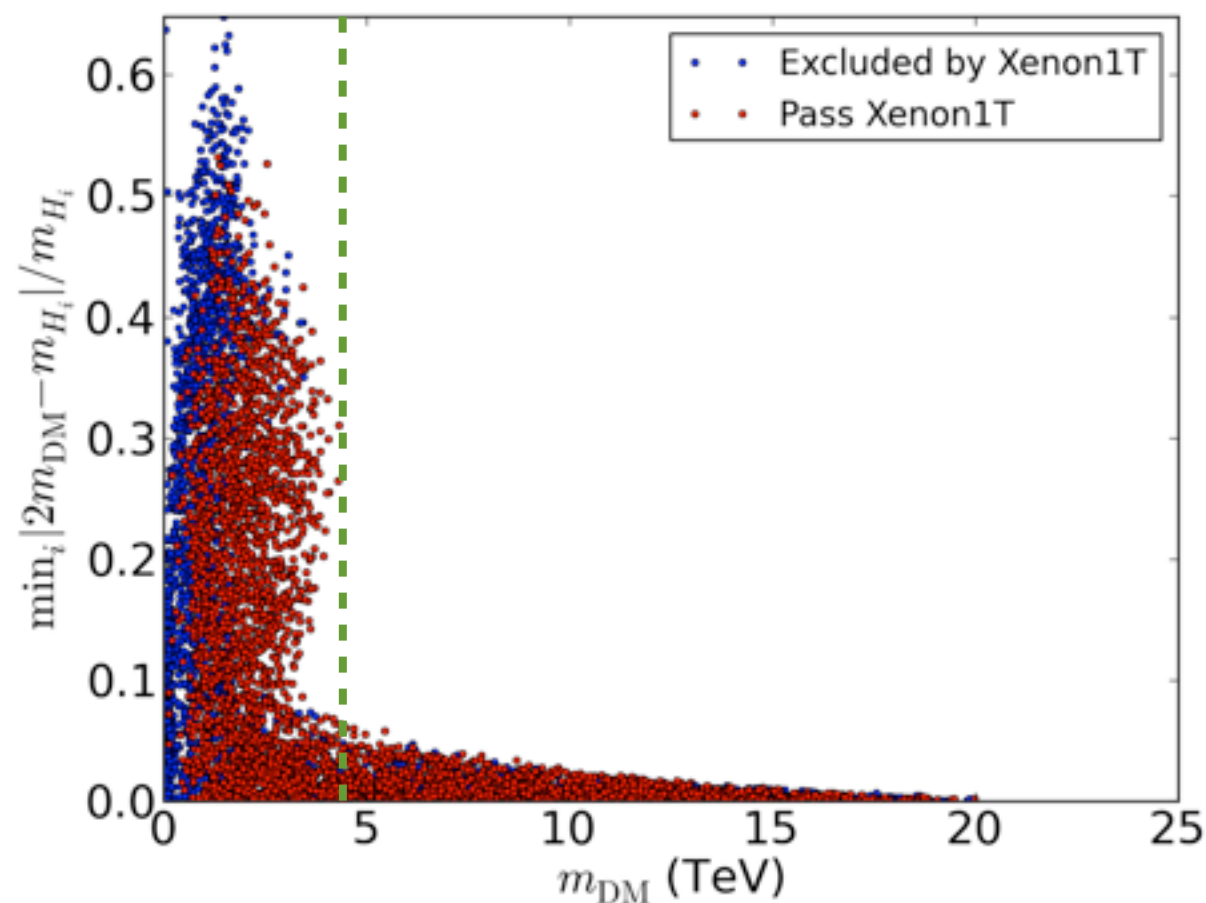
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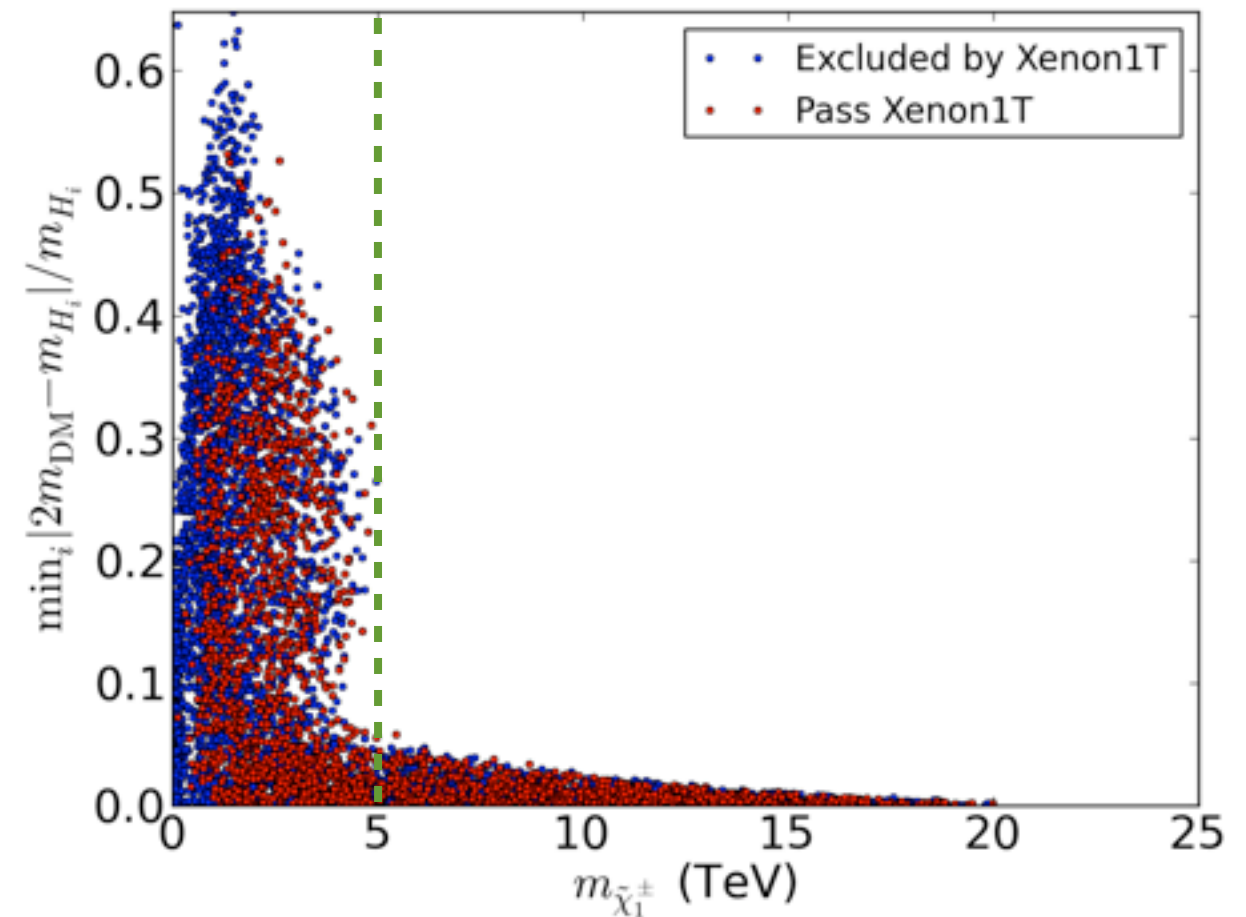
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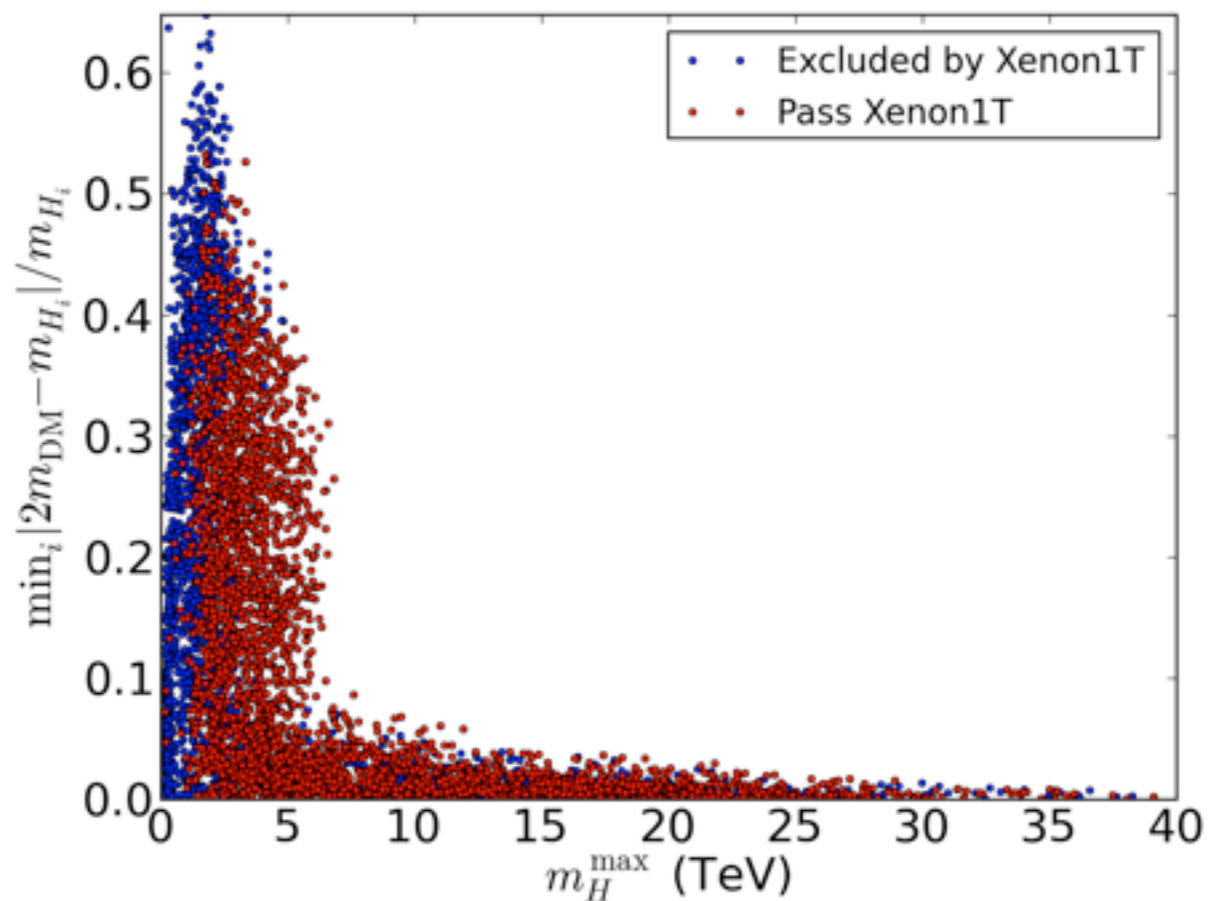
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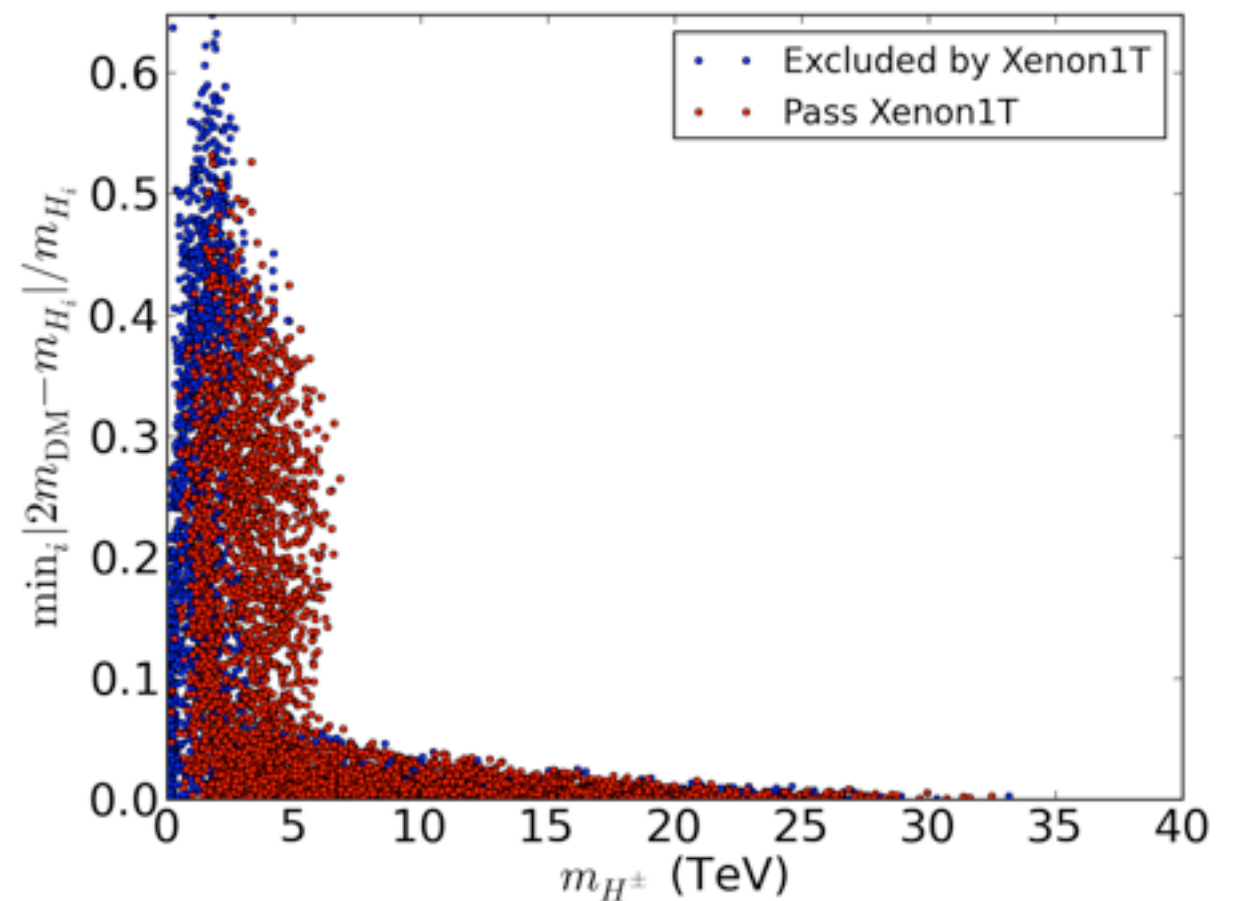
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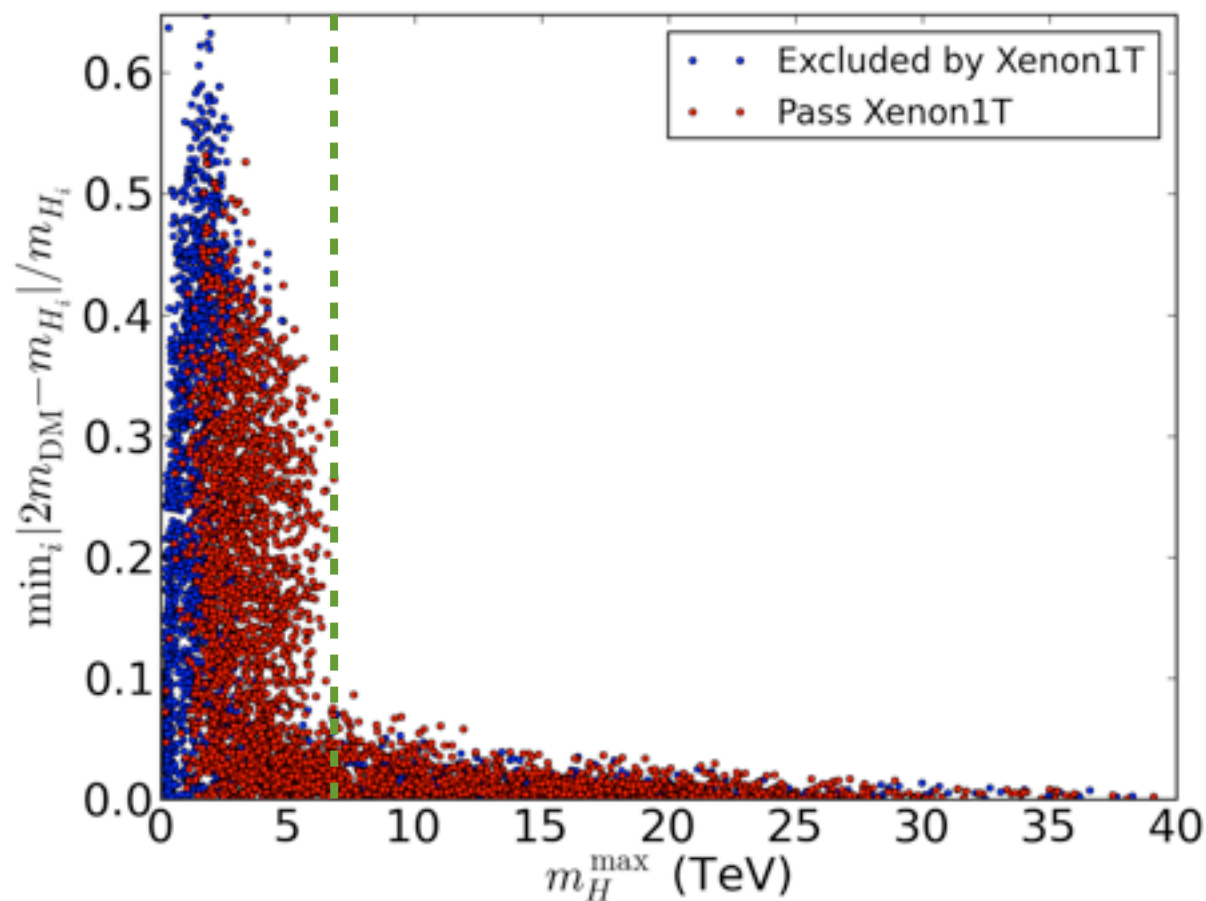
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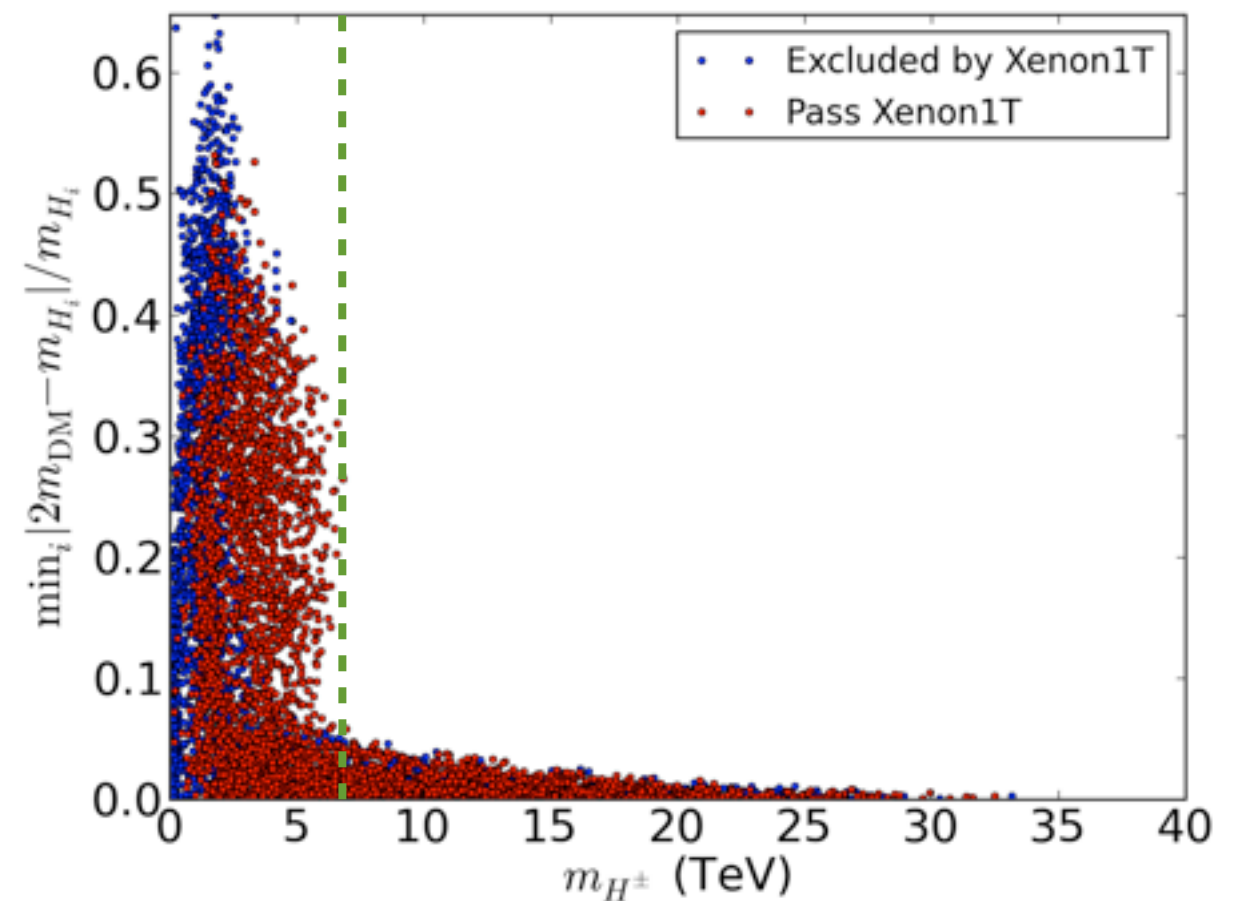
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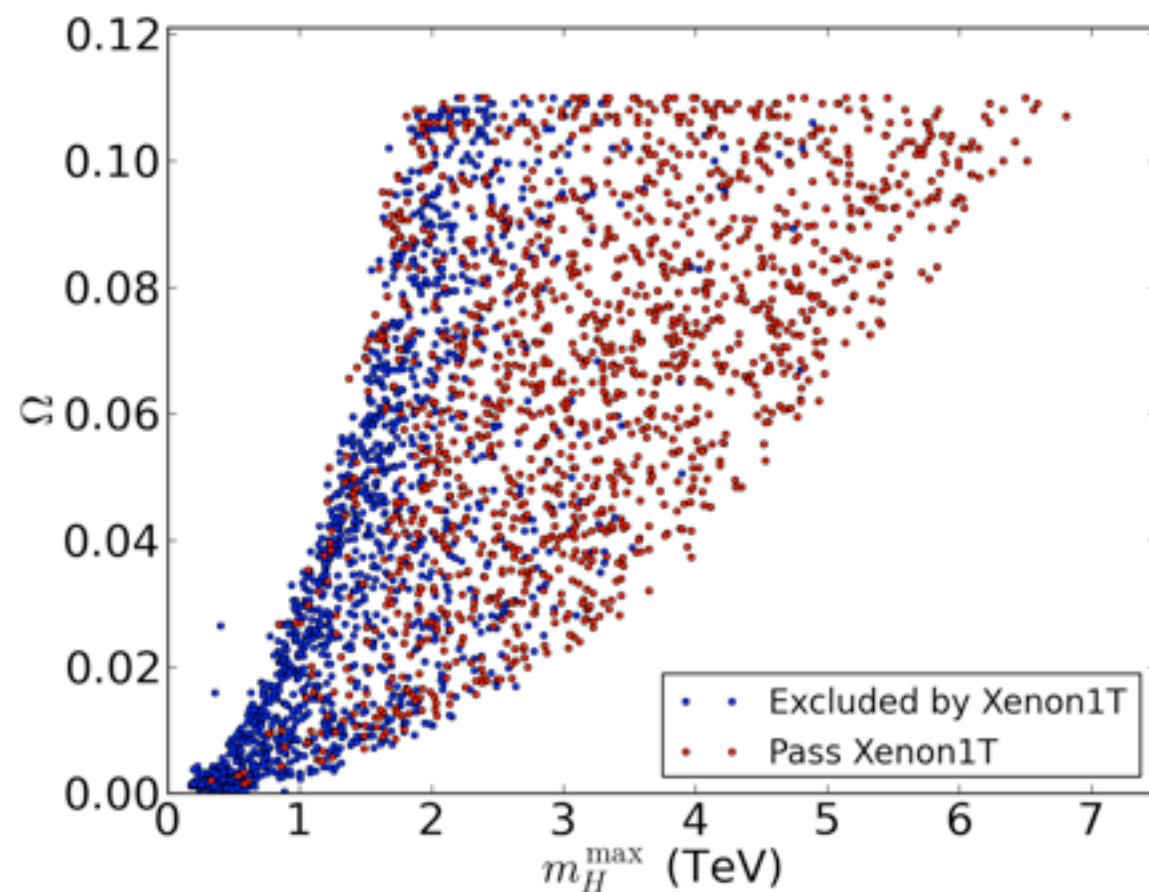


Charged Higgs Mass

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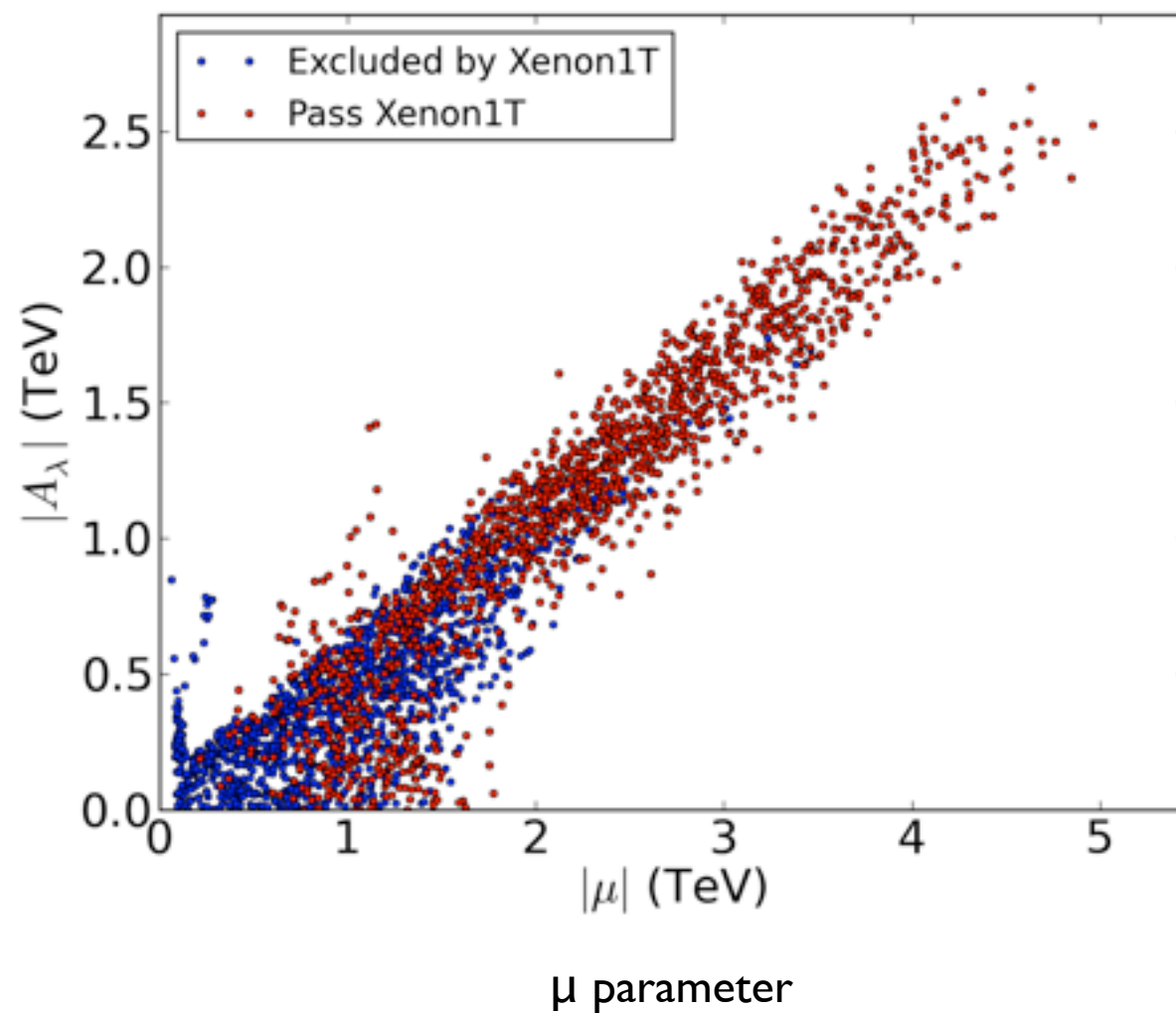
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- $\mu$  parameter vs.  $A_\lambda$

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# Some Signatures

- Phenomenology is just starting:

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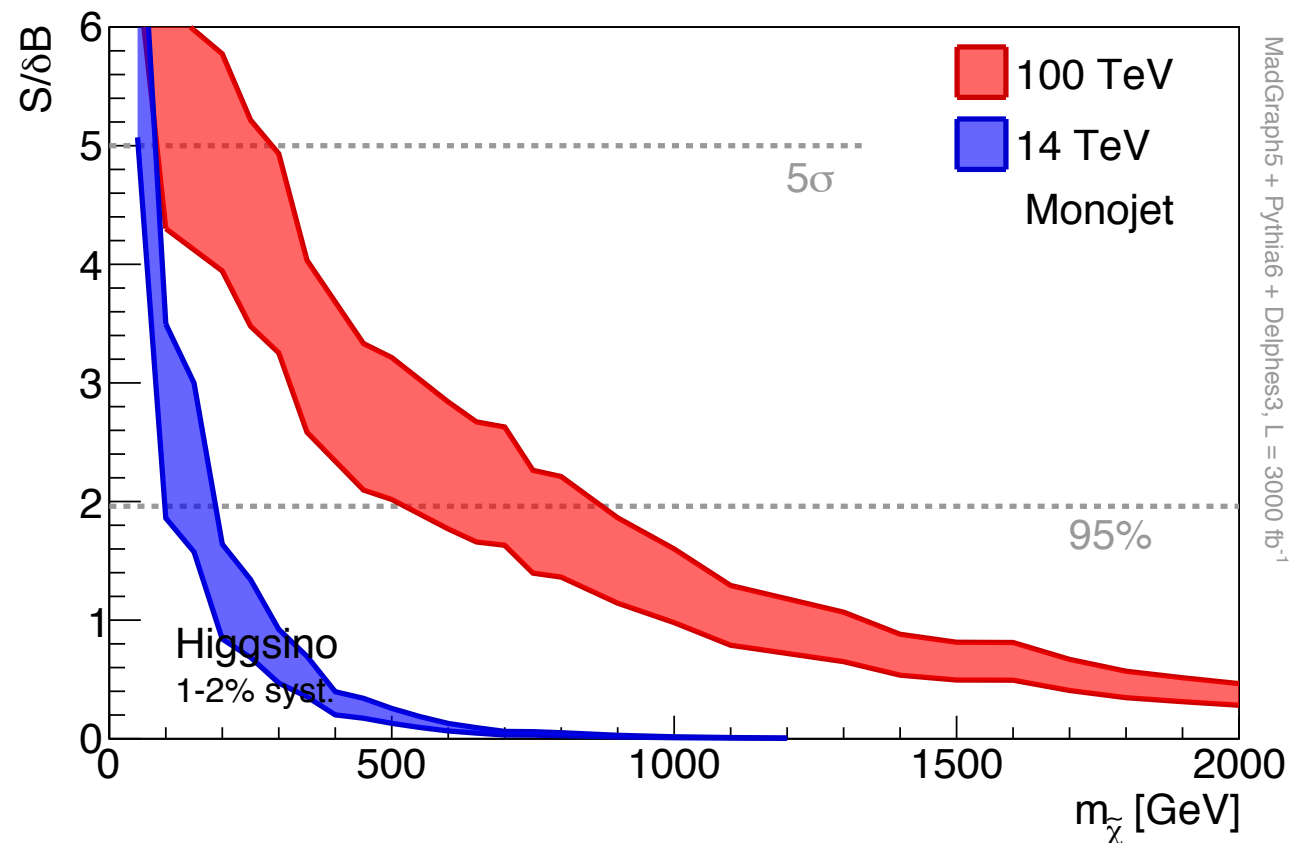
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- That said...
- Proposed indirect search experiments like CTA (Cherenkov Telescope Array) uses very high energy gamma-rays to search for heavy LSPs.
- Like the LHC, production of heavy colored particles that decay to the Higgses/dark matter is compelling.



# Some Signatures

- Work on searching for pure Higgsinos with mono-jet searches in the MSSM\* @ 100 TeV:



$$\text{Significance} = \frac{S}{\delta B} = \frac{S}{\sqrt{B + \lambda^2 B^2 + \gamma^2 S^2}}$$

$\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  parameterize the systematic uncertainty on the background and signal, respectively

**Our work:** NMSSM couplings likely will be stronger at larger scales.

\*Low and Wang, arXiv: 1404.0682

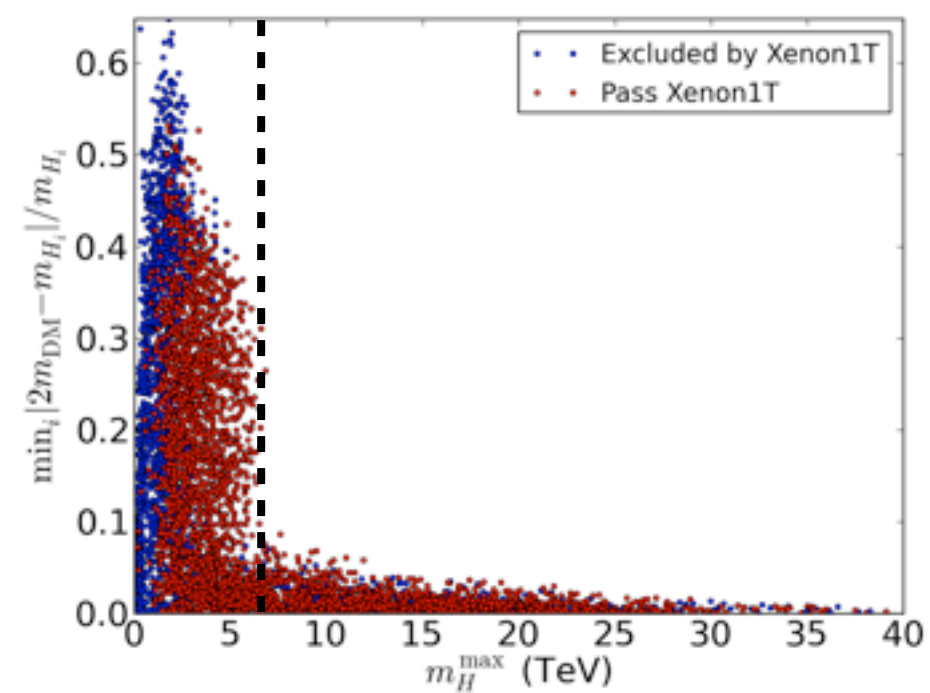
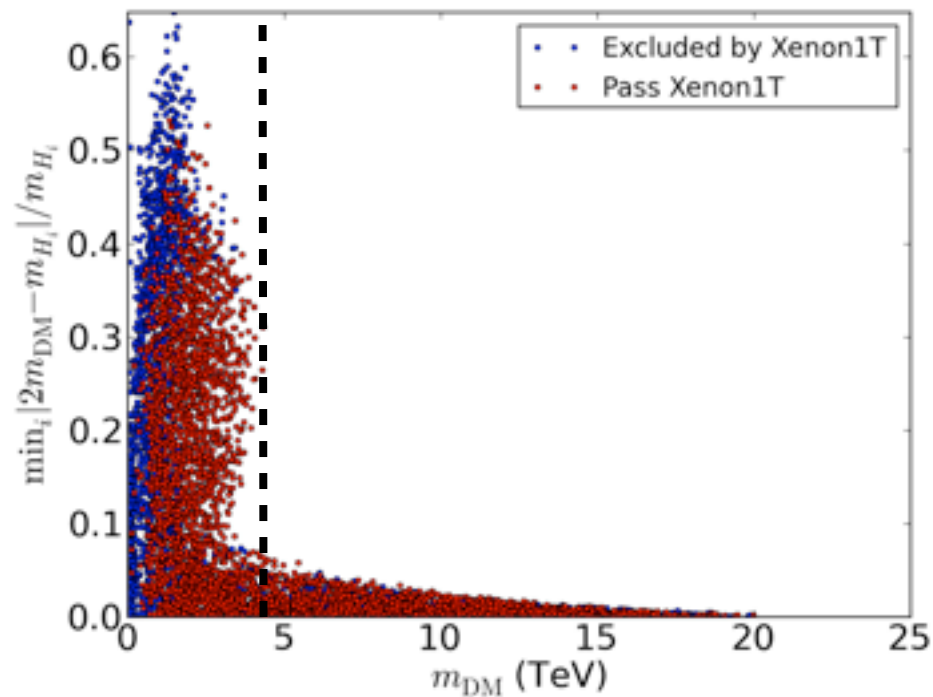
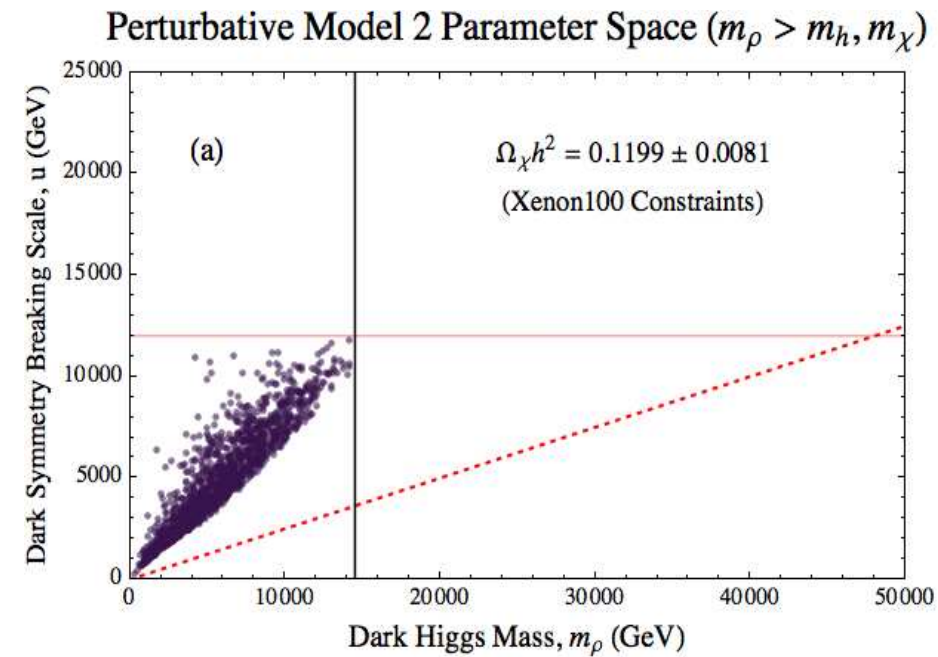
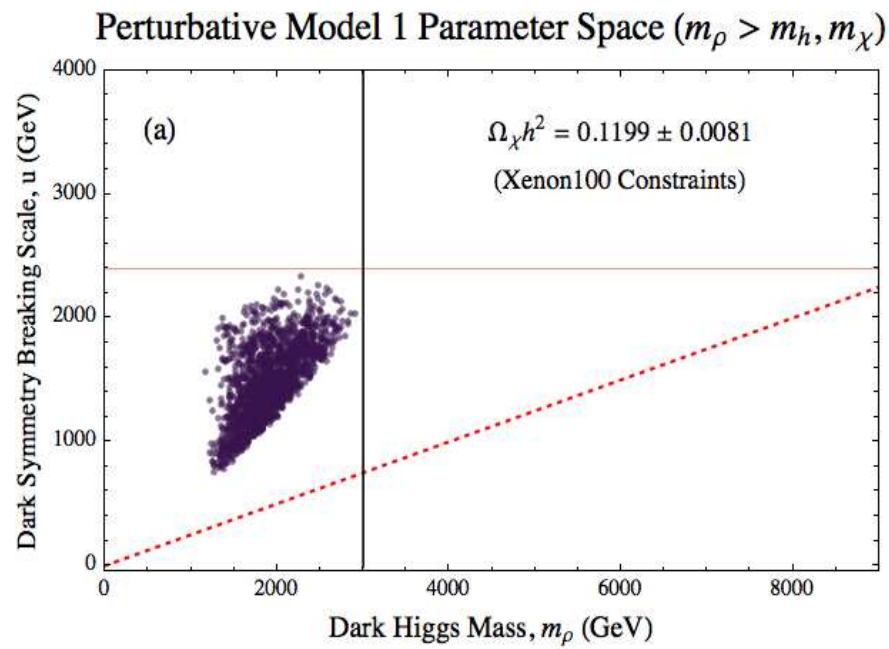


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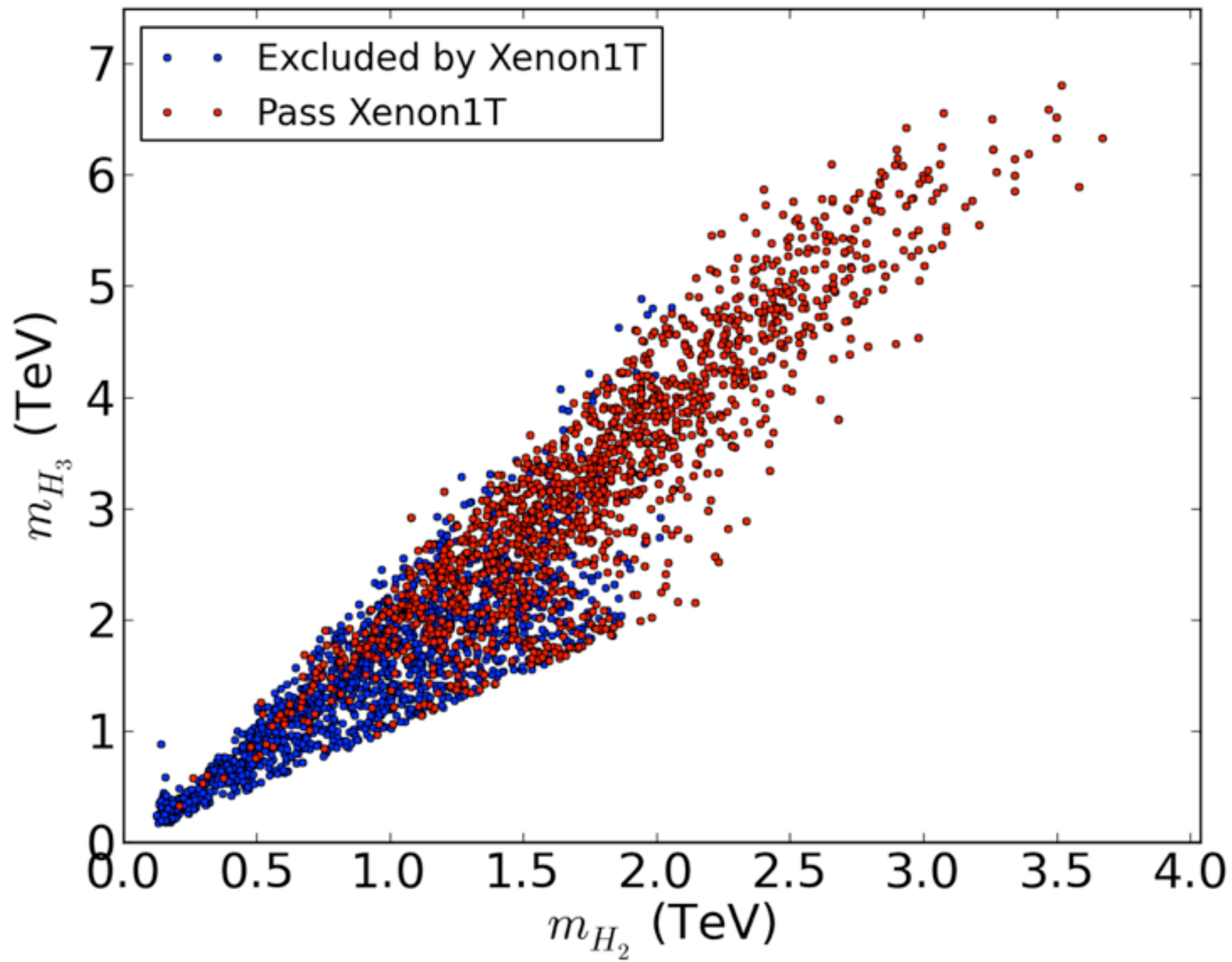
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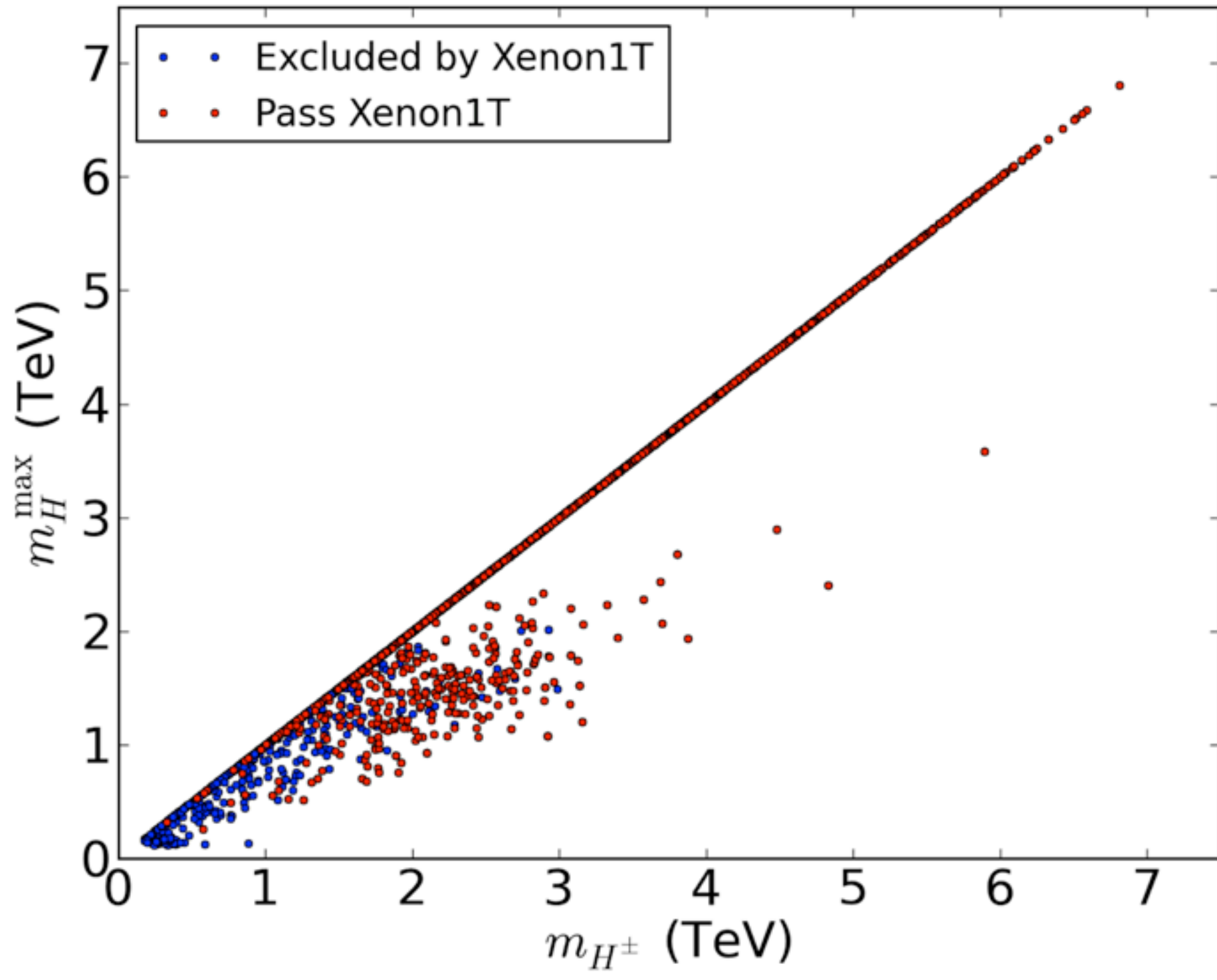
We used a combination of perturbative unitarity constraints and the relic abundance to generate upper bounds on two different Higgs portals.

# Thank you ACFI!



# Backup Slides





# NMSSM Bounds

- How do dimensional unitarity constraints compare to vacuum constraints?

$$A^2 < 3 (m_{\phi_1}^2 + m_{\phi_2}^2 + m_{\phi_3}^2)$$

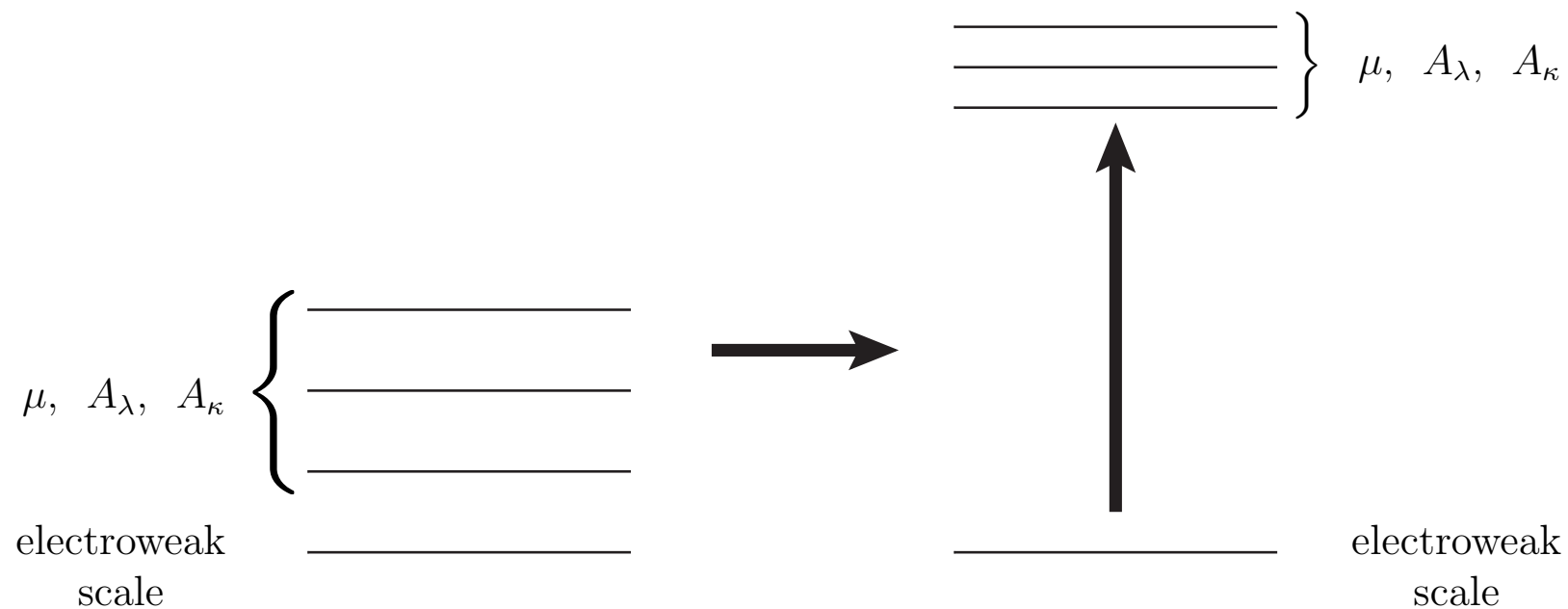
Generic Constraint from  
Superpotential with three superfields

$$m_S^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{9} A_\kappa^2$$

From limit where:  $V_S(S) = \kappa^2 S^4 + \frac{2}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3 + m_S^2 S^2 + \dots$

- The ratios are better at constraining the SUSY breaking masses.

# NMSSM Higgs Sector



- Neutralino mass spectrum (in the decoupling limit):

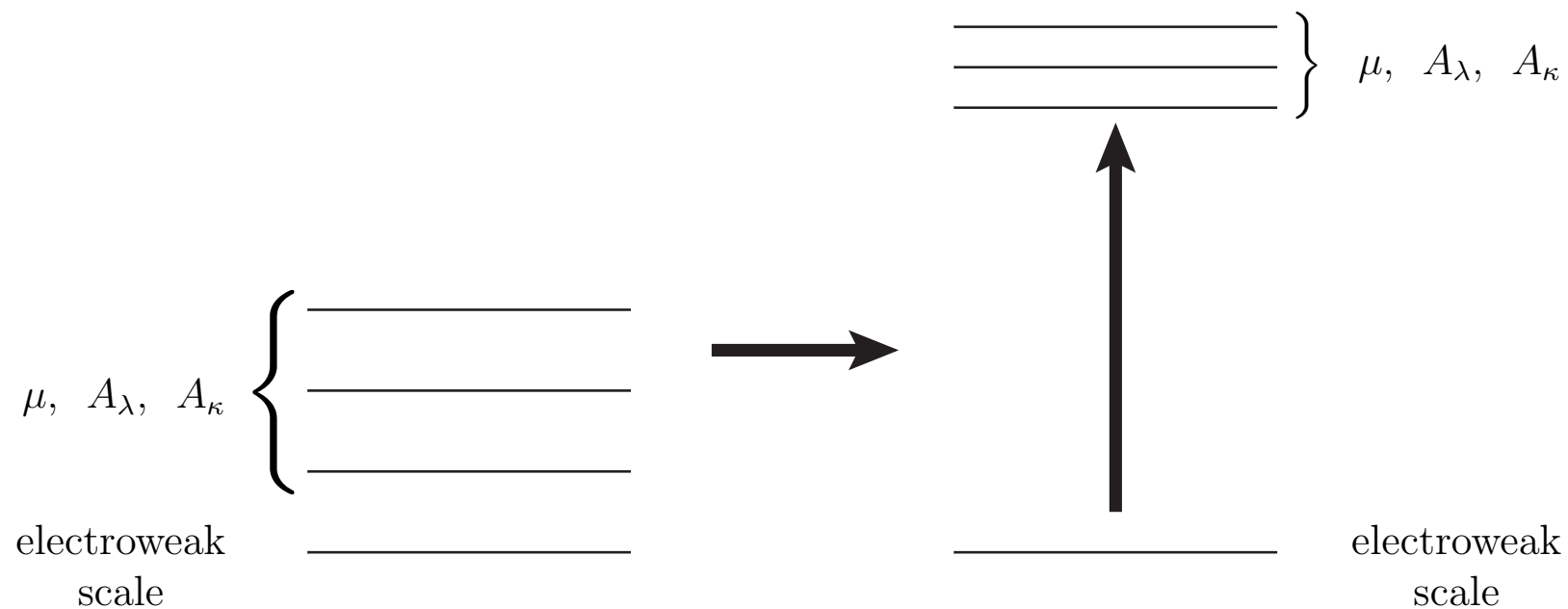
$$M_{\tilde{\chi}^0} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -c_\beta s_W m_Z & s_\beta s_W m_Z & 0 \\ 0 & M_2 & c_\beta c_W m_Z & -s_\beta c_W m_Z & 0 \\ -c_\beta s_W m_Z & c_\beta c_W m_Z & 0 & -\lambda v_s / \sqrt{2} & -\lambda v_u / \sqrt{2} \\ s_\beta s_W m_Z & -s_\beta c_W m_Z & -\lambda v_s / \sqrt{2} & 0 & -\lambda v_d / \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & 0 & -\lambda v_u / \sqrt{2} & -\lambda v_d / \sqrt{2} & \sqrt{2} \kappa v_s \end{pmatrix}$$

Decoupled

Relatively small.  
Effectively no neutralino mixing



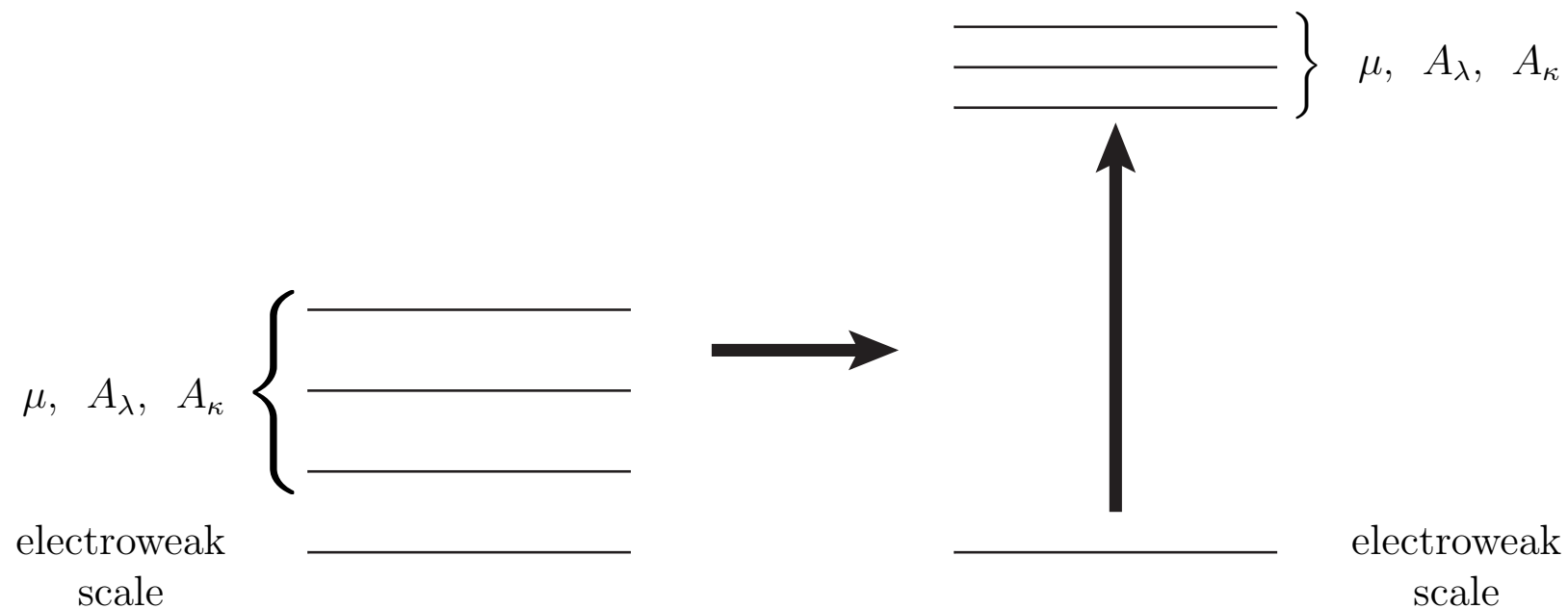
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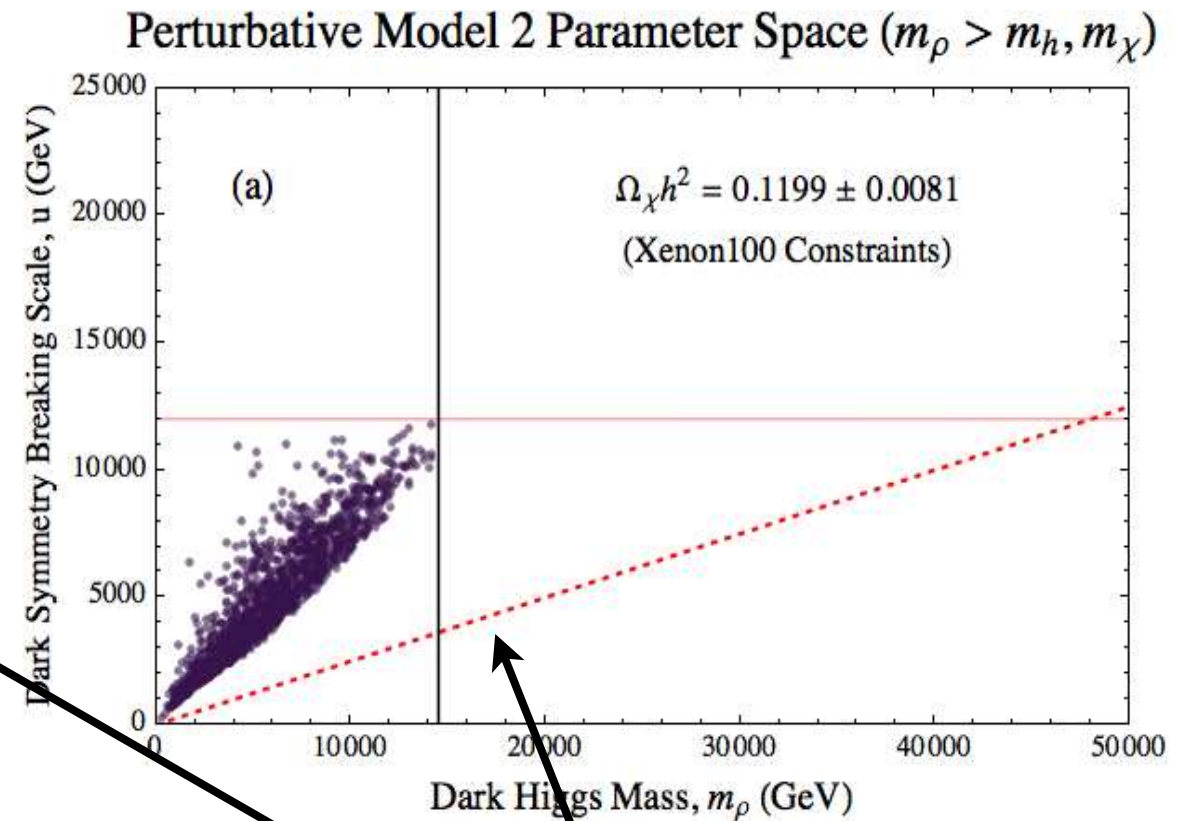
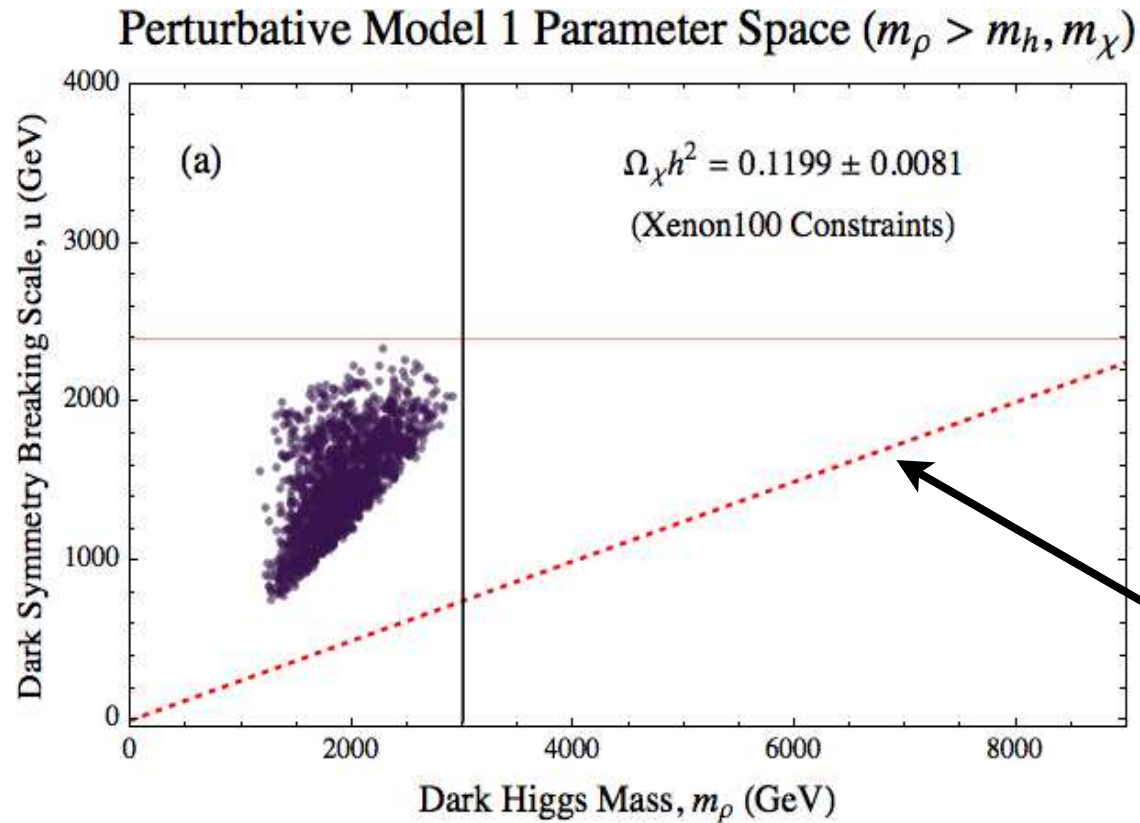
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Scales with SUSY breaking scales.

# Philosophy from (non-SUSY) Higgs Portals

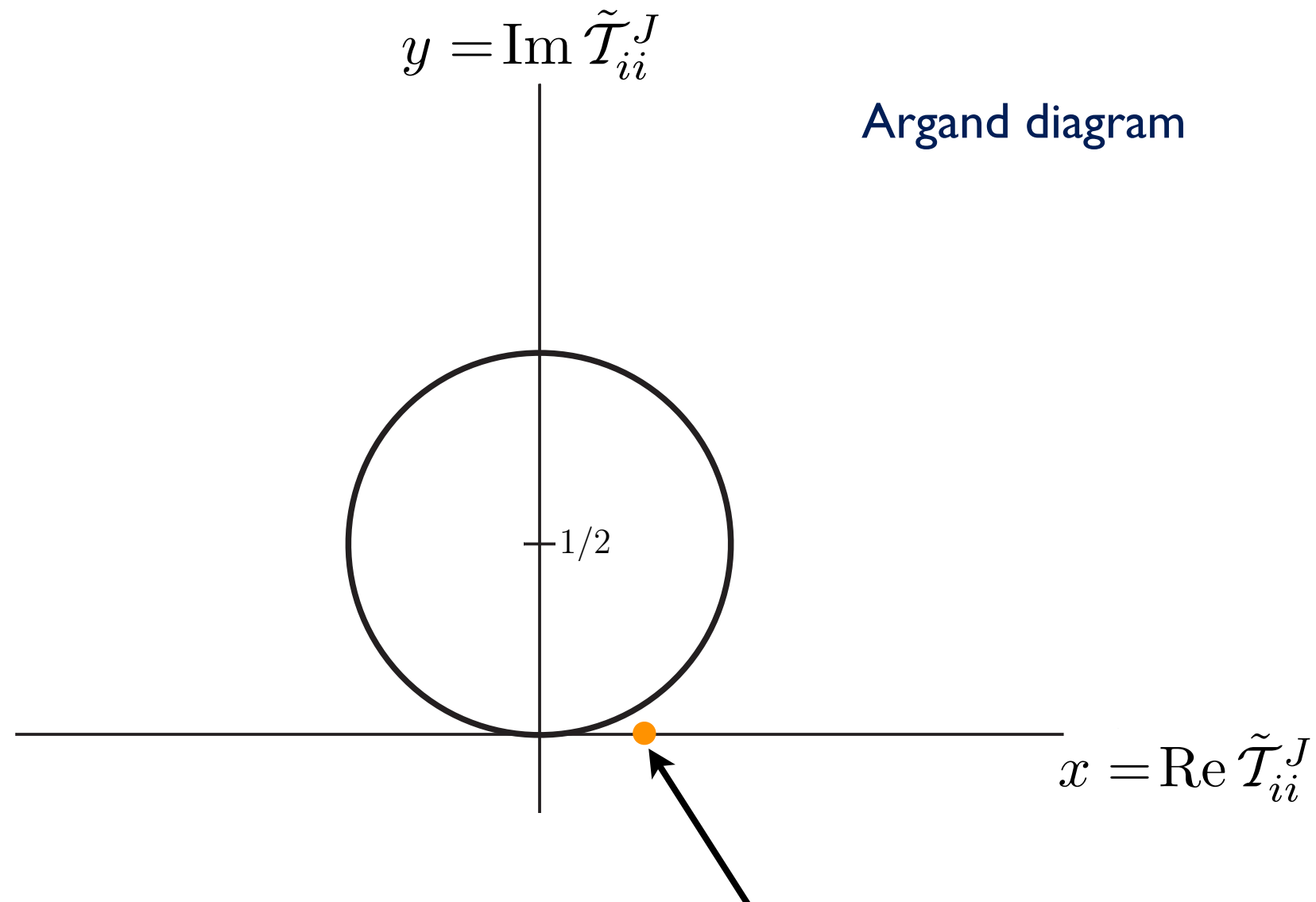


(Walker, arXiv:1310.1083)

Generalized Lee, Quigg, Thacker  
unitarity bound for dark Higgses.  
(For  $v \sim 246$ ,  $m_h$  bound  $\sim 1.2$  TeV)

# Perturbative Unitarity Arguments

- Our approach:



Note: Lee, Quigg and Thacker works because  $g_i^2 \ll 1$ .  
This  $x$  is close to the Argand circle.