

Snowmass 2021

Other Exotica – Summary and Discussion of Critical Points

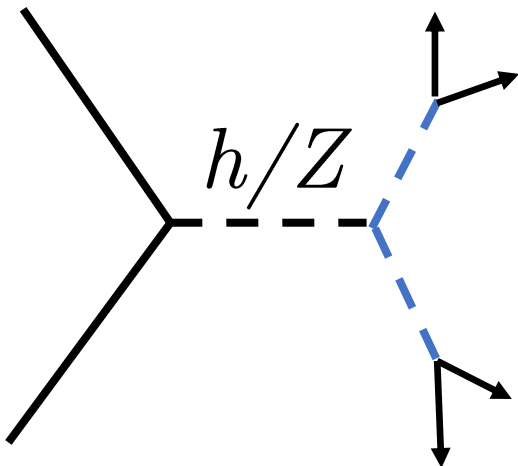
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Other Exotica \simeq (Exotic)²a ?

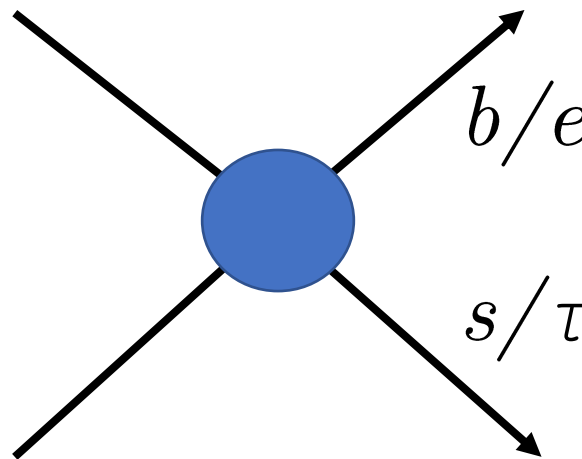
Ideas that are not covered in the previous summary:

- Light fermions/bosons ($< m_h$), prompt or elusive.
- Operators with non-trivial BSM pattern (FCNC, LNV, etc.)
- Extraordinary dynamics (dark shower, “soft bombs”, etc.)

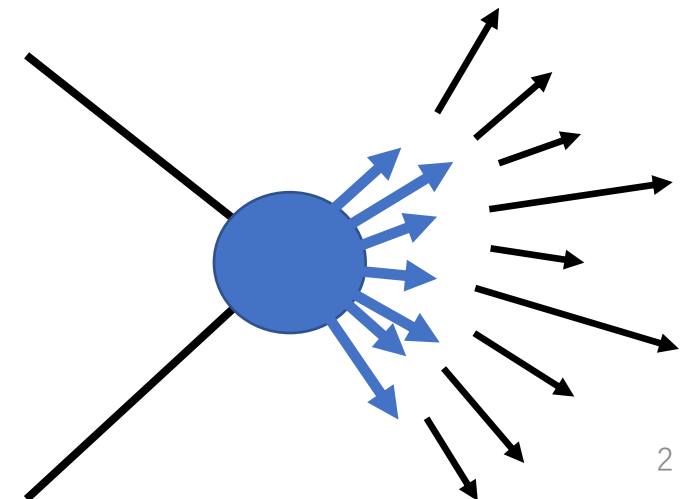
[Marcela Carena et al., 2203.08206](#)
[Tania Robens, 2203.08210](#)



[W. Altmannshofer, S. A. Gadam,
and S. Profumo, 2203.07495](#)



[Guillaume Albouy et al., 2203.09503](#)



Other Exotica \approx (Exotic)²a ?

- Often with **STRONG** physical motivation (e.g. electroweak phase transition/ flavor anomalies/ neutral naturalness...)
- Not necessarily hard to search (e.g. bump hunting)
- Topics crossover outside EF09 (e.g., in EF10 with invisible dark particles [T. G. Rizzo et al., 2202.02222](#) ; in EF02 with Higgs portal light exotics [Tania Robens, 2203.08210](#) etc.)
- Expect the unexpected!

Smoke detectors for the (exotic)²...Na smoking guns?



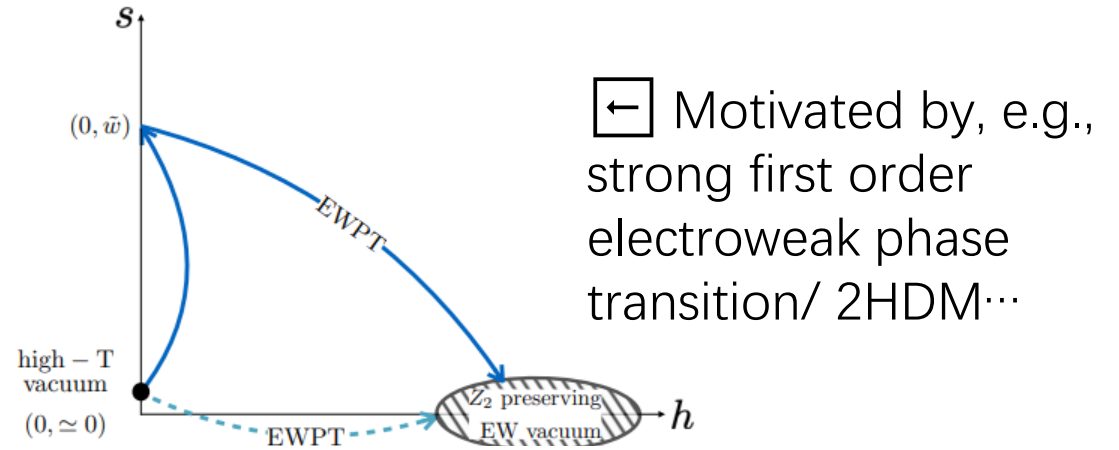
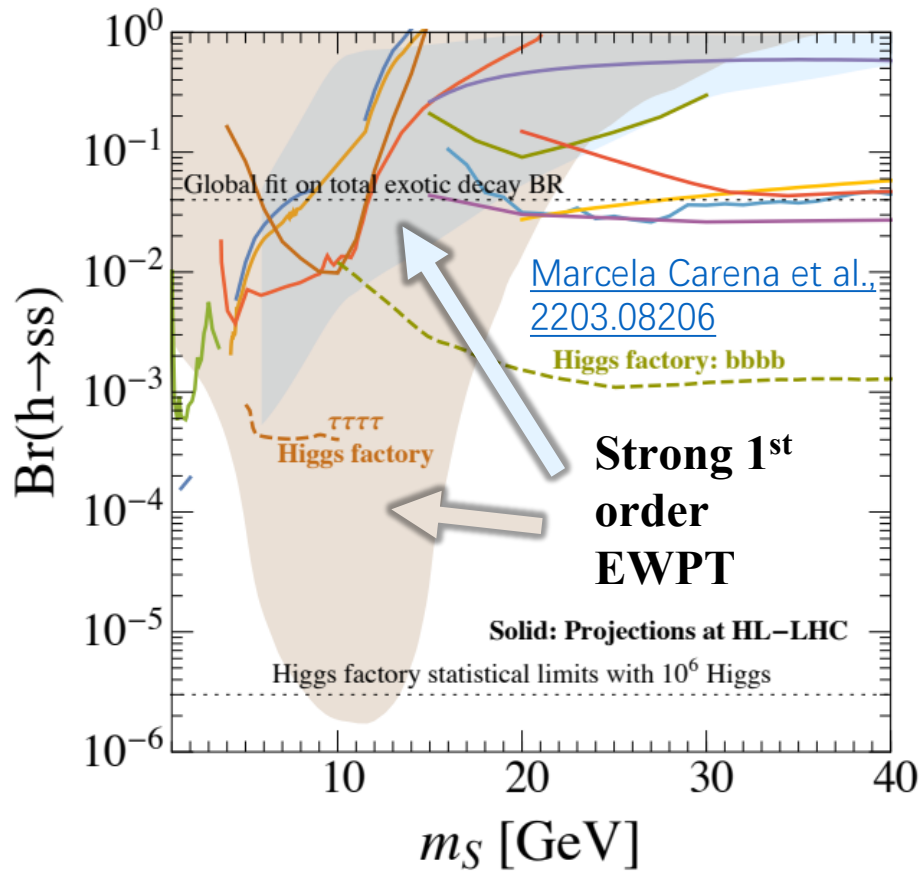
[G. Kasieczka et al., 2101.08320](#), etc.

Machine Learning techniques without having specific signal samples:

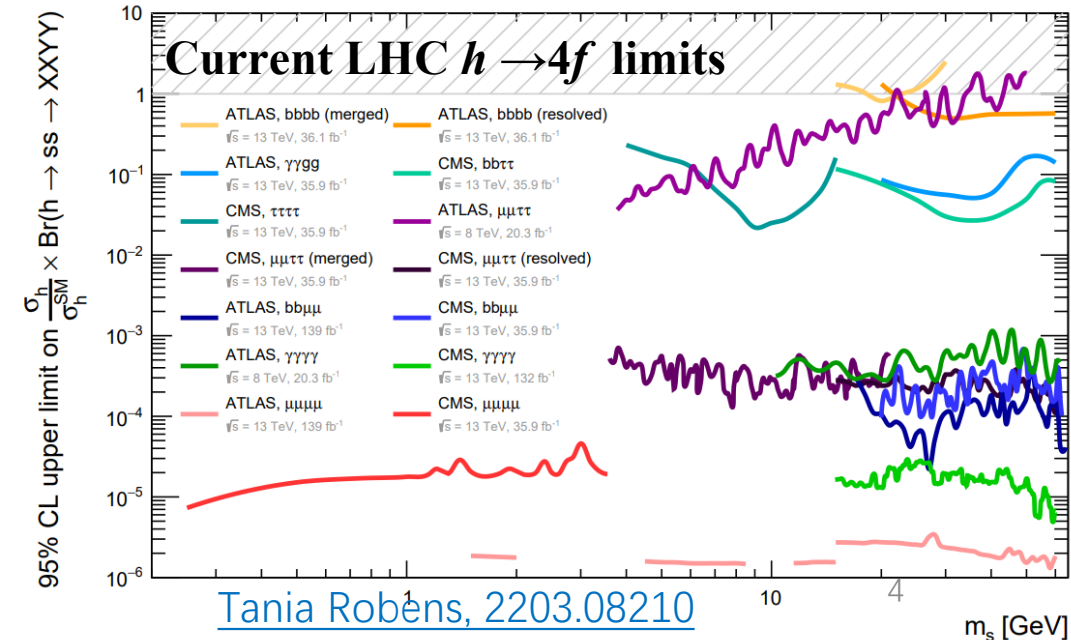
- Unsupervised Learning (No labels)
- Weakly Supervised Learning (Noisy/blurred labels)
- Semi Supervised Learning (“Bkg only” labels)

Interplay with CompF & TF...

Light Exotic Resonances



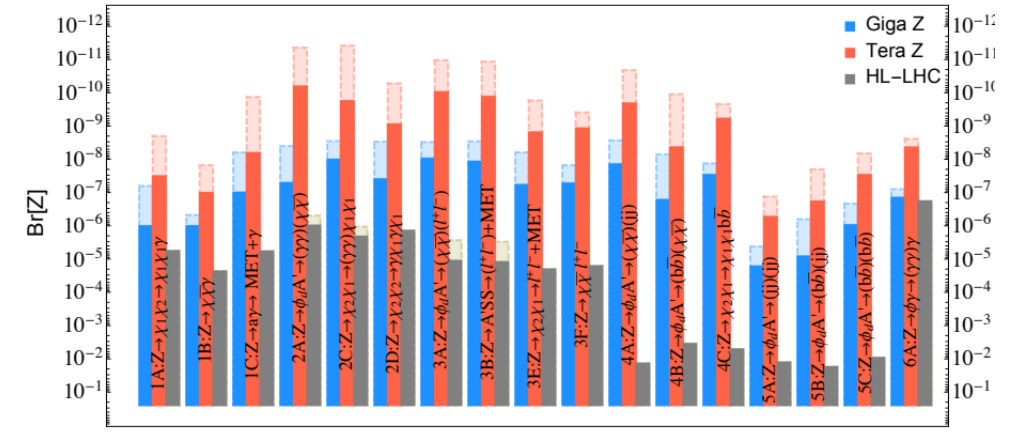
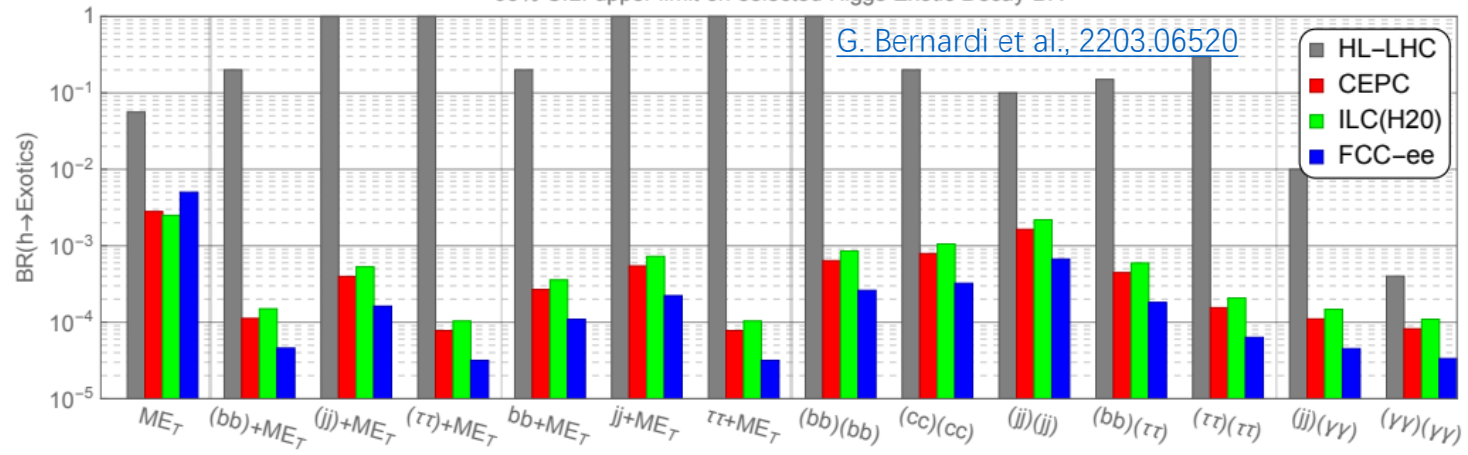
← Motivated by, e.g., strong first order electroweak phase transition/ 2HDM...



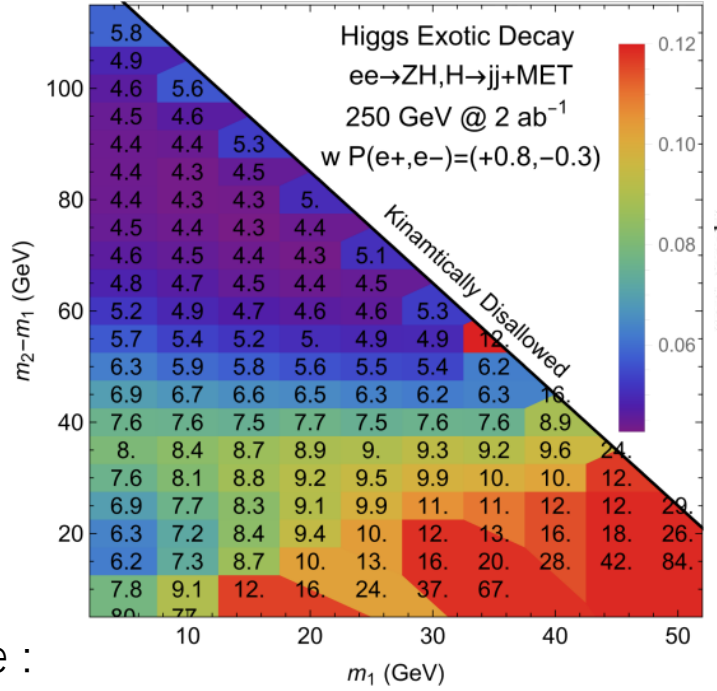
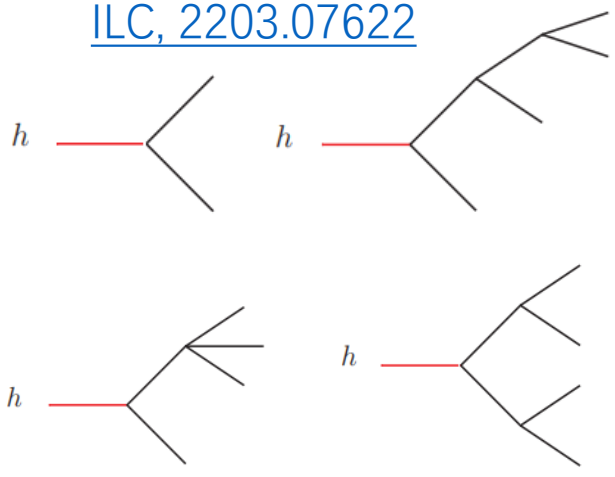
↑ Light scalar mix with Higgs, found in $h \rightarrow 2$ scalar decays. When s is heavy, decays promptly.

Tania Robens, 2203.08210

95% C.L. upper limit on selected Higgs Exotic Decay BR

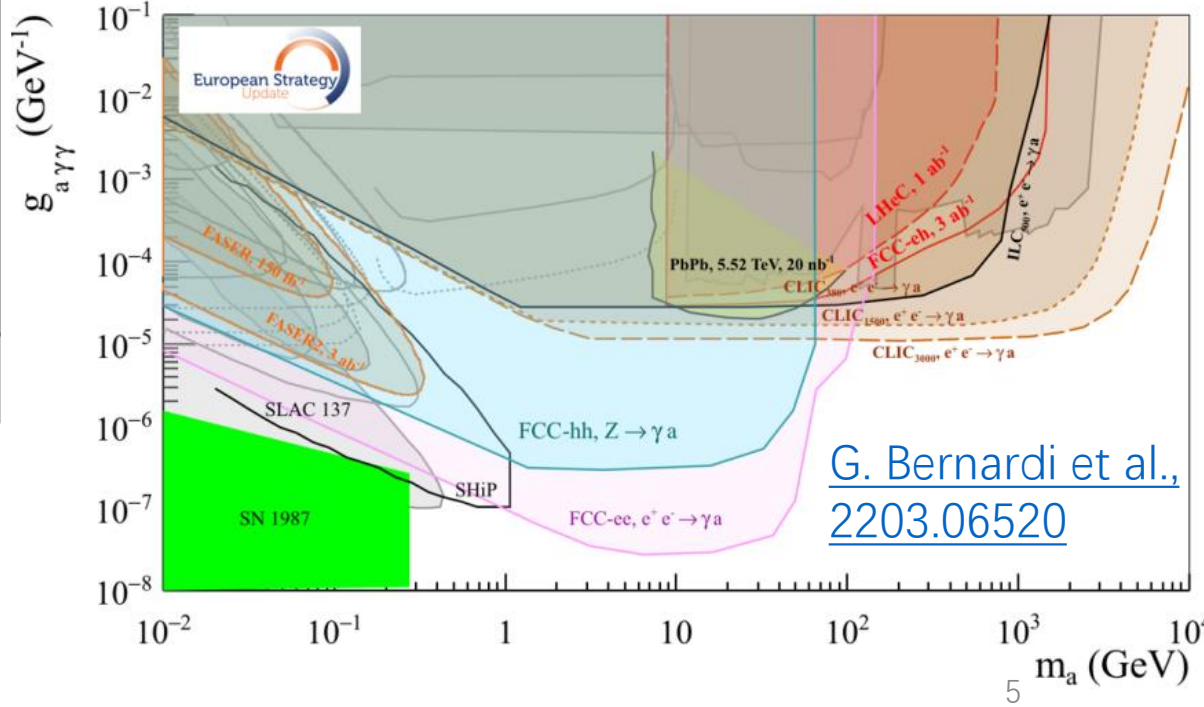


ILC, 2203.07622



↑ Power of the potential Z-pole run

J. Liu, L-T. Wang, X-P. Wang, W. Xue. 1712.07237

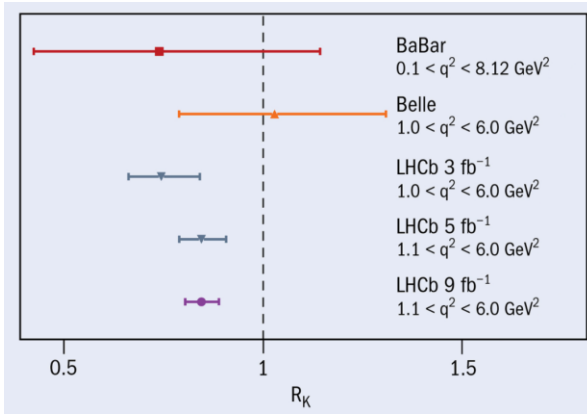


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↑ → Other models include :

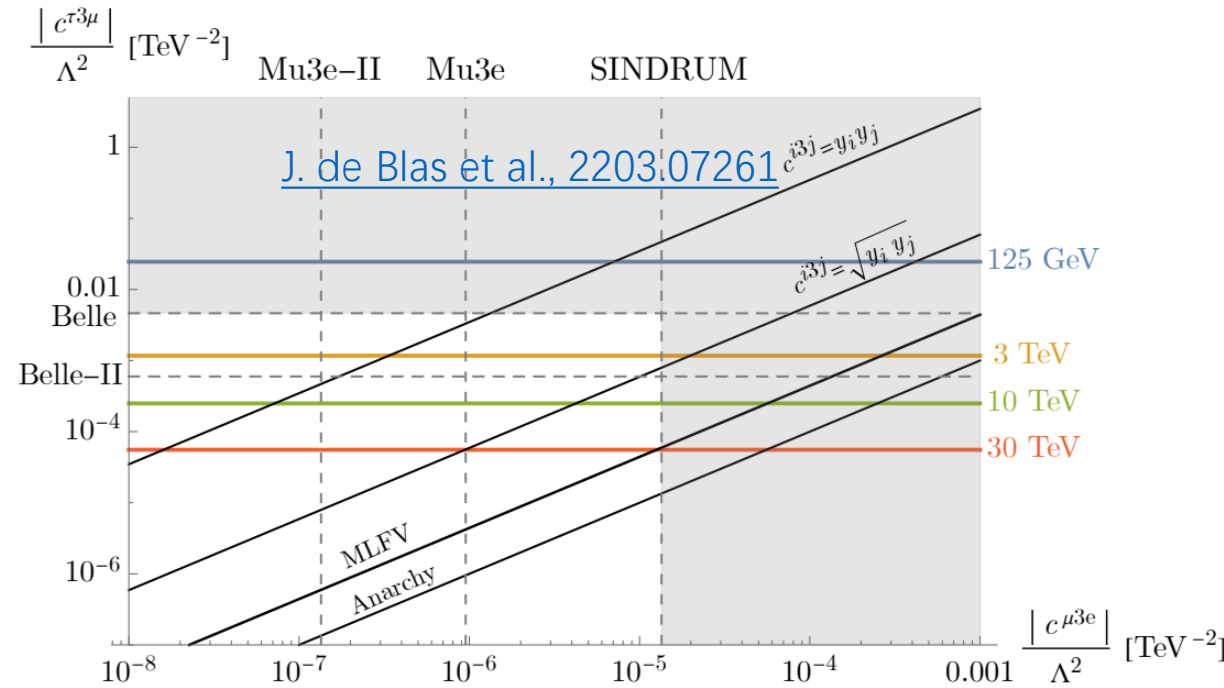
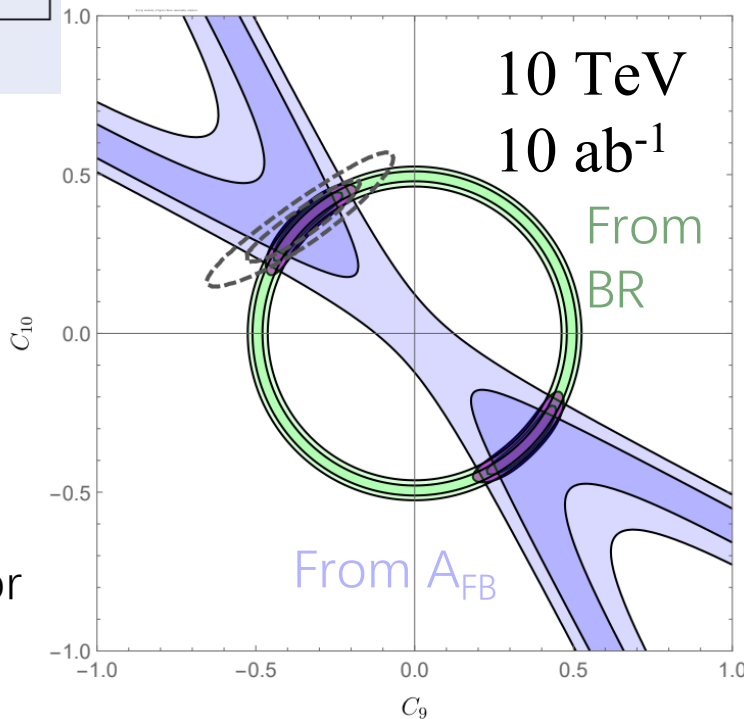
- Dark (thus missing) fermions...
- ALP, produced via $Z \rightarrow \gamma a$, $h \rightarrow \gamma a$, $h \rightarrow Za$, $h \rightarrow aa$, etc.
- Spin-1 (dark photon) models with mass $> O(\text{GeV})$.
- More complex topologies.

FCNC/LF(U)V/... Operators



$$R_{K^{(*)}} \equiv \frac{\text{BR}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{BR}(B \rightarrow K^{(*)} e^+ e^-)}$$

SM predicts $R_{K^{(*)}} \approx 1$ in the low q^2 region.



☞ “Direct” probe at high energy muon colliders via $\mu\mu \rightarrow bs$

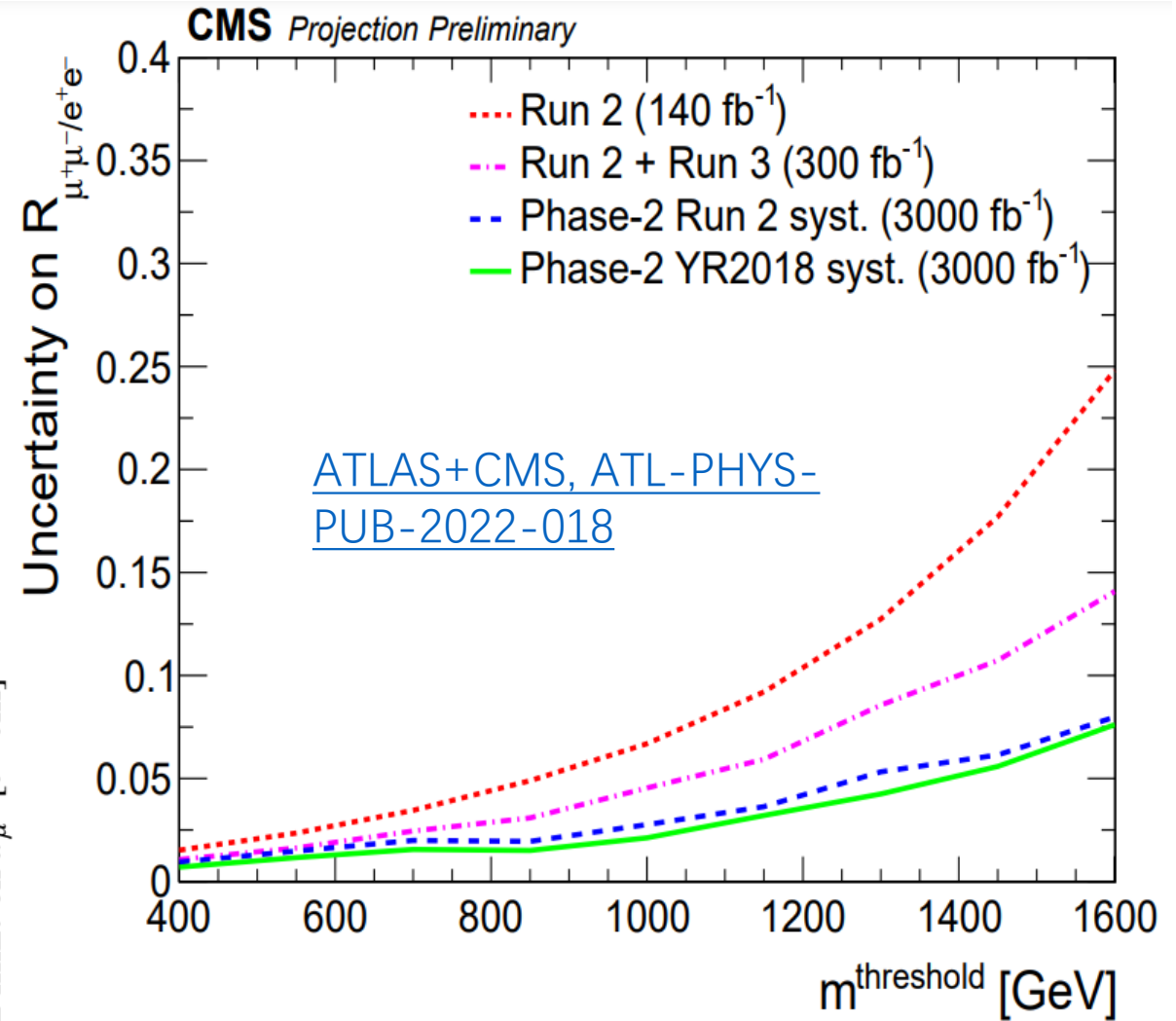
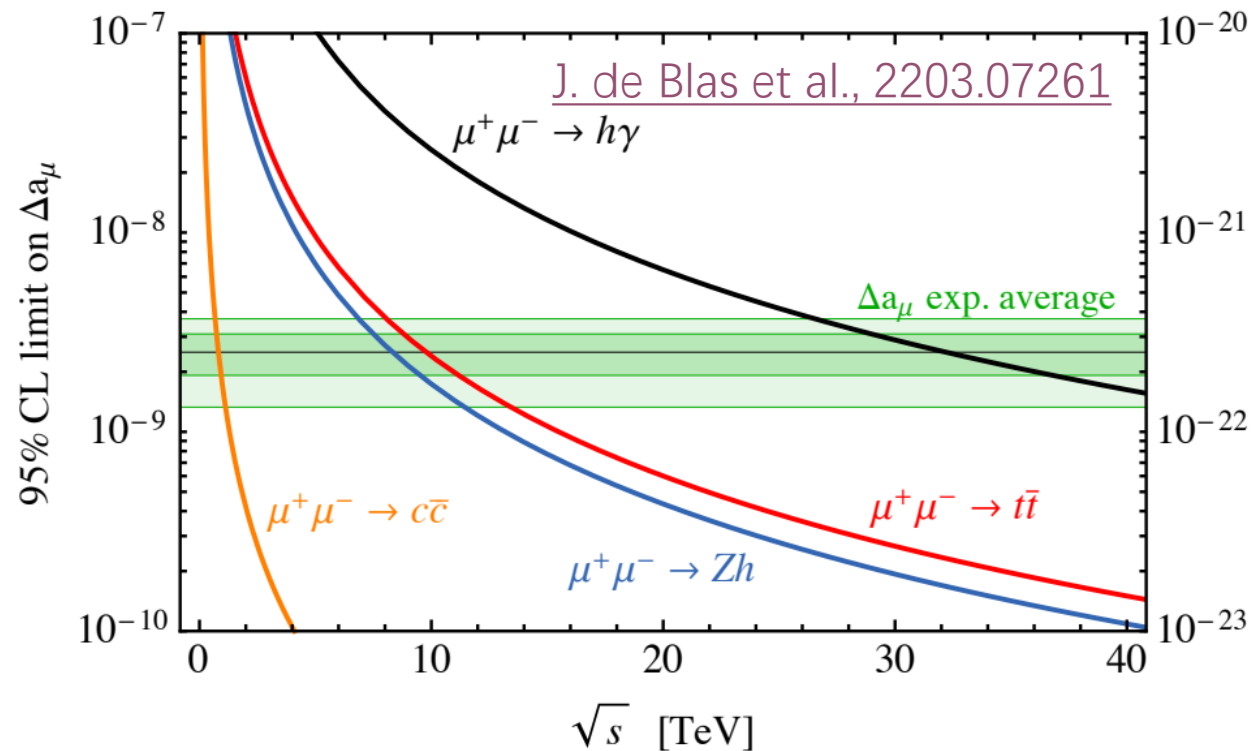
➤ Current limit relies on single b -tagging (eff.=70%).

➤ b -jet charge tagging for A_{FB} (eff.=70% as LEP)

☞ The lepton flavor violation measured by $\mu\mu \rightarrow \mu\tau$.

Also probe other LFVs using $\mu\mu \rightarrow e\tau$ and $\mu\mu \rightarrow \mu e$ directly.

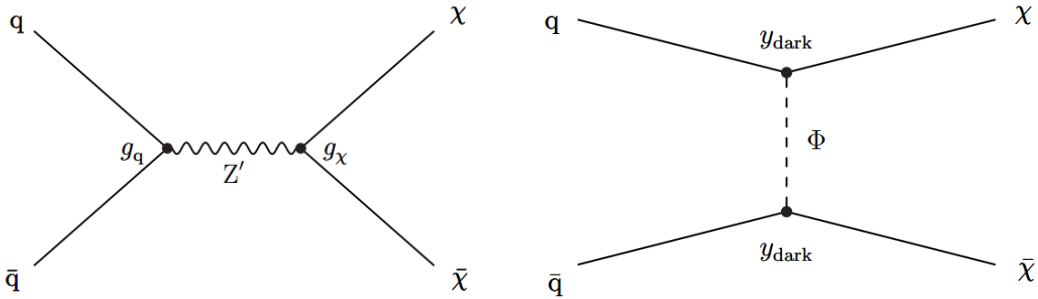
→ Monitoring LFUV interaction from lepton pair ratios above a certain threshold @ (HL-)LHC



95% CL limit on d_μ [$e \cdot \text{cm}$]

← Dipole/four-fermion-tensoric interactions introducing $(g-2)_\mu$ will also be addressed

Exotic Dynamics: Models

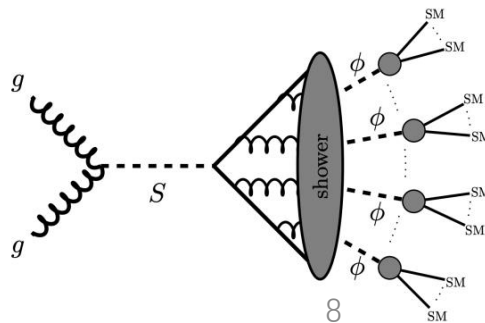


Dark showers: light particles charged under another confining gauge group.

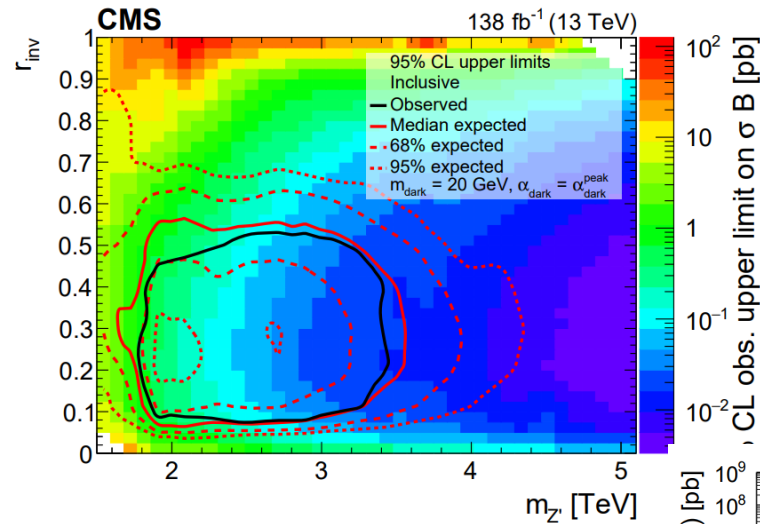
- QCD-like kinematics: significant angular correlation within a small scale, energy spreads.

Soft-unclustered-energy pattern (SUEP), or “soft bomb”:

- Expected in a theory with $\alpha N_c \gg 1 \gg \alpha$
- Quasi-isotropic, high-multiplicity of outgoing particles.



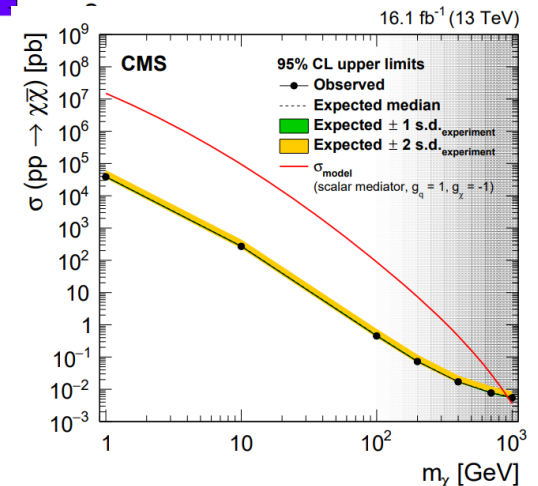
The dark particles can either be prompt, invisible or photon-philic to evade LLP bounds.



←: Limits on semivisible-jets: prompt + invisible invisible particles

→: Trackless jets, for neutron-like LLPs, but may also apply to photon-philic dark particles(?)

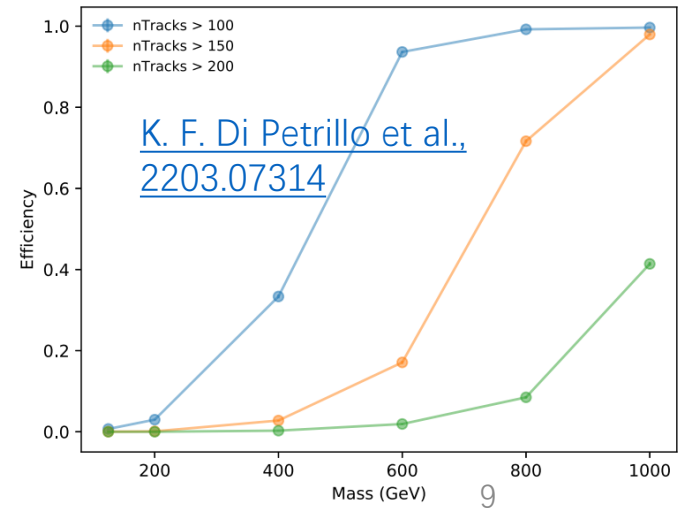
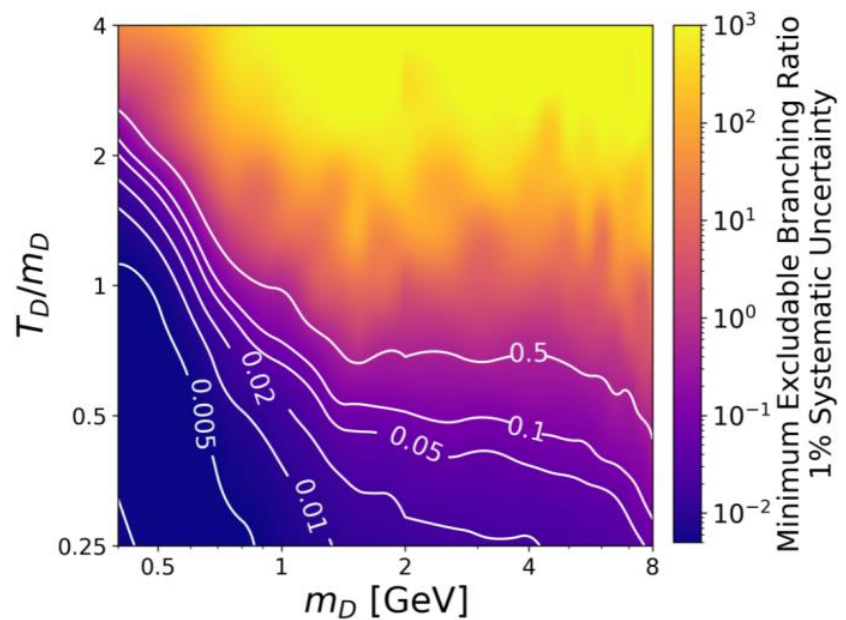
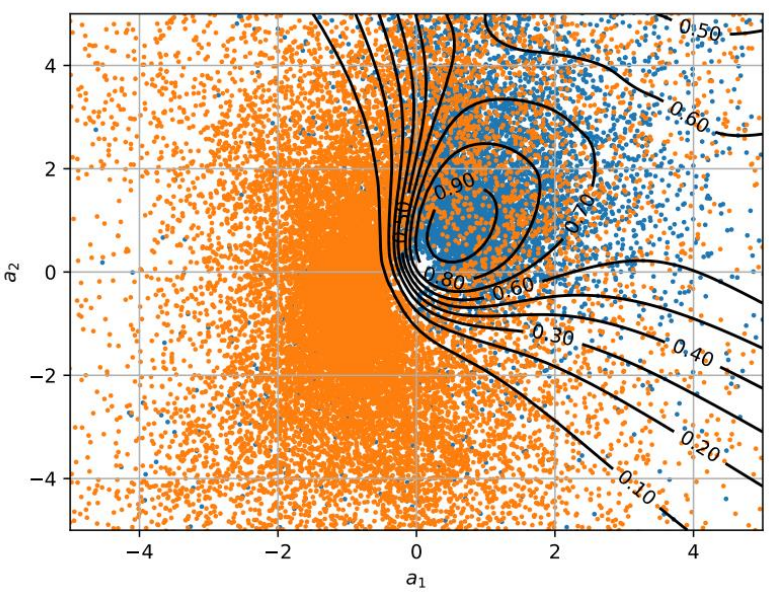
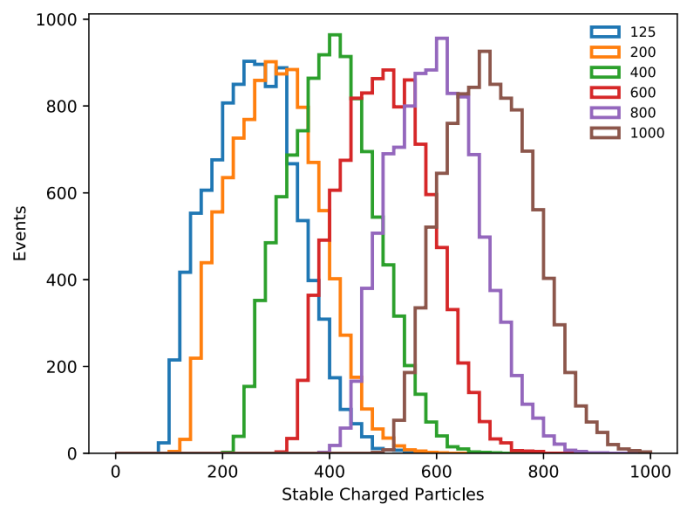
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Exotic Dynamics: Phenomenology

⬇️ ⬇️: Sophisticated observables/algorithms are designed targeting various exotic dynamics depending on kinematics instead of LLPs.

➡️ LHC triggers for the final states non-conventional and softer than average



Anomaly/Novelty Detection

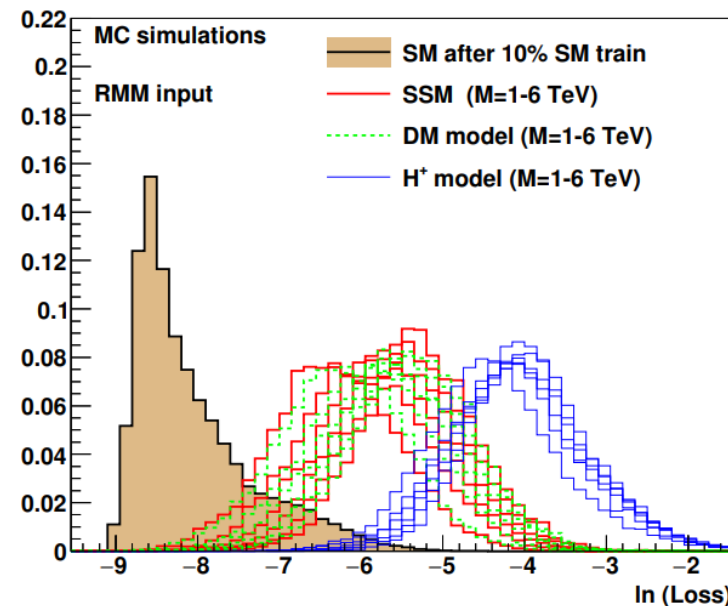
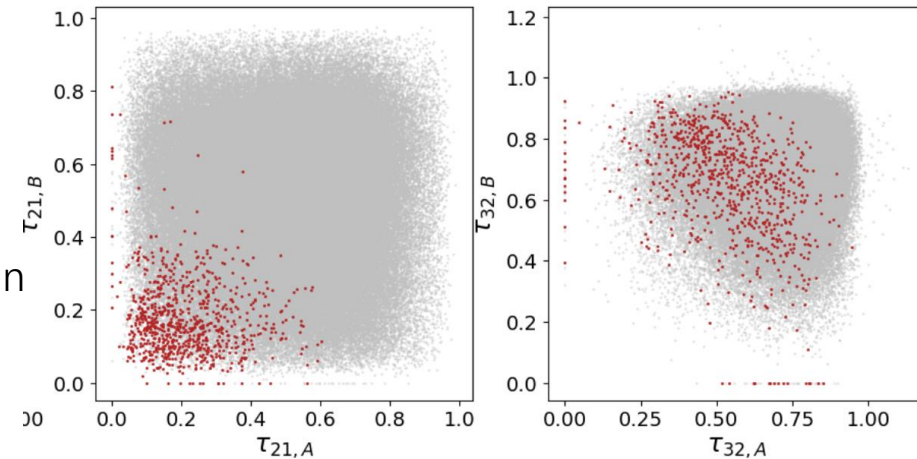
BSM may take the form that surprises all of us.
Real “data mining” from the collider data.

[G. Kasieczka et al., 2101.08320](#)

(See also [J. Gonski, J. Lai, B. Nachman, I. Ochoae, 2108.13451](#))

Section	Short Name	Method Type
3.1	VRNN	Unsupervised
3.2	ANODE	Unsupervised
3.3	BuHuLaSpa	Unsupervised
3.4	GAN-AE	Unsupervised
3.5	GIS	Unsupervised
3.6	LDA	Unsupervised
3.7	PGA	Unsupervised
3.8	Reg. Likelihoods	Unsupervised
3.9	UCluster	Unsupervised
4.1	CWoLa	Weakly Supervised
4.2	CWoLa AE Compare	Weakly/Unsupervised
4.3	Tag N' Train	Weakly Supervised
4.4	SALAD	Weakly Supervised
4.5	SA-CWoLa	Weakly Supervised
5.1	Deep Ensemble	Semisupervised
5.2	Factorized Topics	Semisupervised
5.3	QUAK	Semisupervised
5.4	LSTM	Semisupervised

→ Novelty clustering in the feature space



← Autoencoder reconstruction error when trained with SM events only

[S.V. Chekanova, W. Hopkins, 2111.12119](#)

Although many activity focuses on heavy resonance decays, shall be extended to general signals.

➤ Difficulties in background estimation and other systematics

Summary

The “other exotica” may largely develop around four themes, three physics themes and another methodology:

- Light exotic states from Higgs(Z) decays.
- Anomalous EFT studies that reveal BSM features.
- Extraordinary dynamics other than QCD.
- Novelty detection techniques that are model-independent.

Exotic decays to light resonances seem best derived cross projects