



# Exotic Higgs Decays at Higgs Factories

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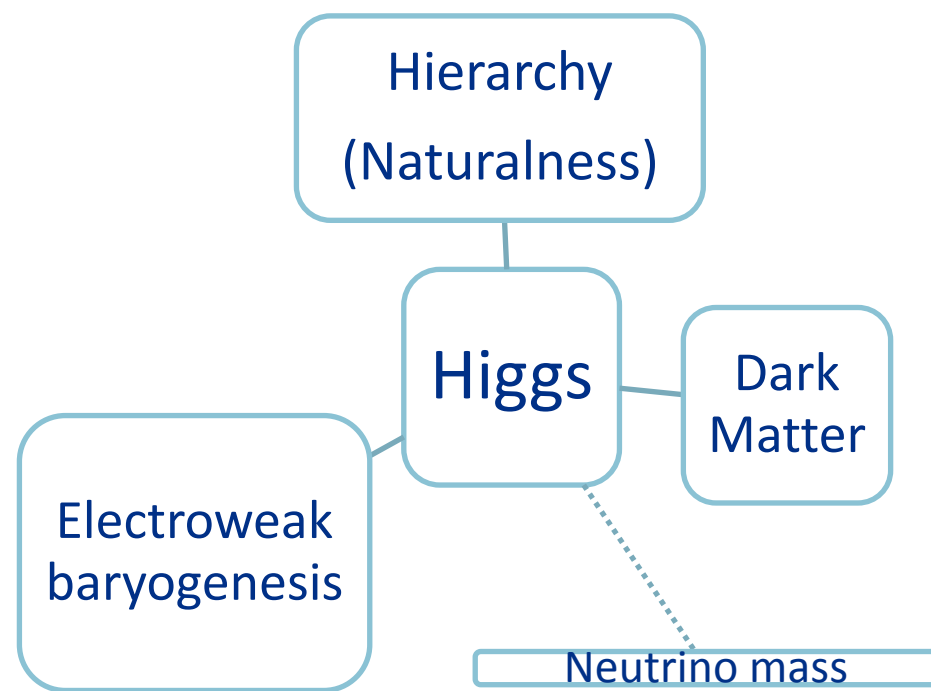
based on work with L-T. Wang, H. Zhang, [arXiv:1612.09284](https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.09284)

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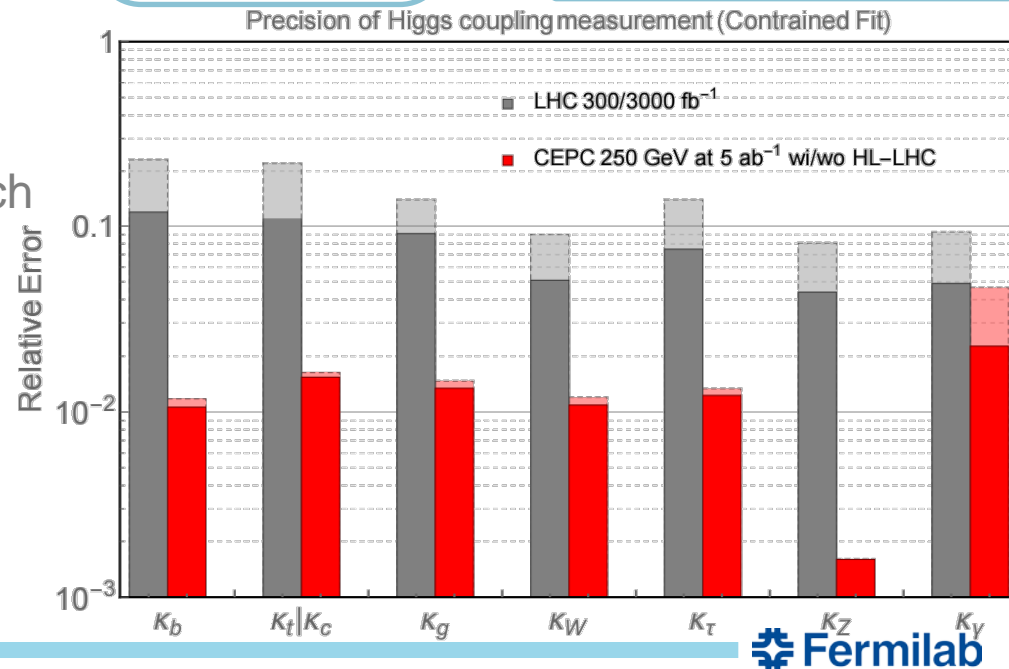
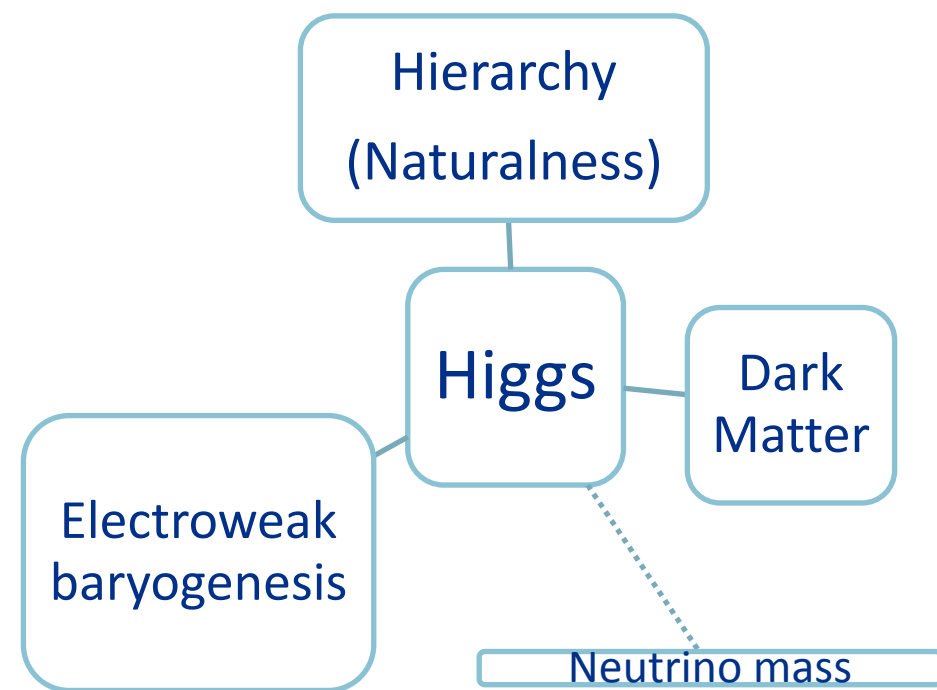
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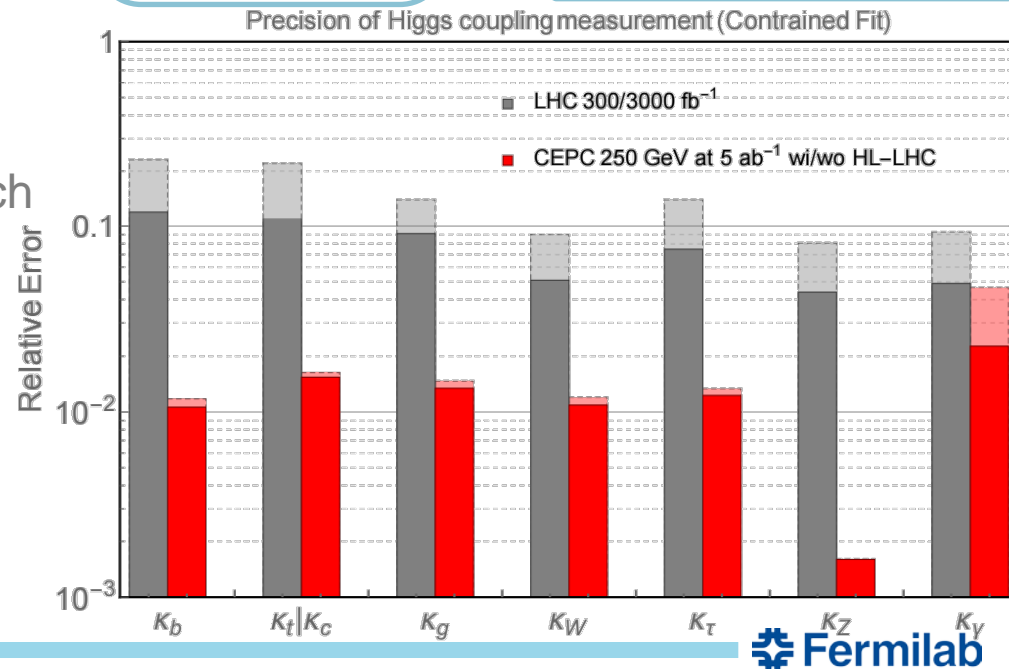
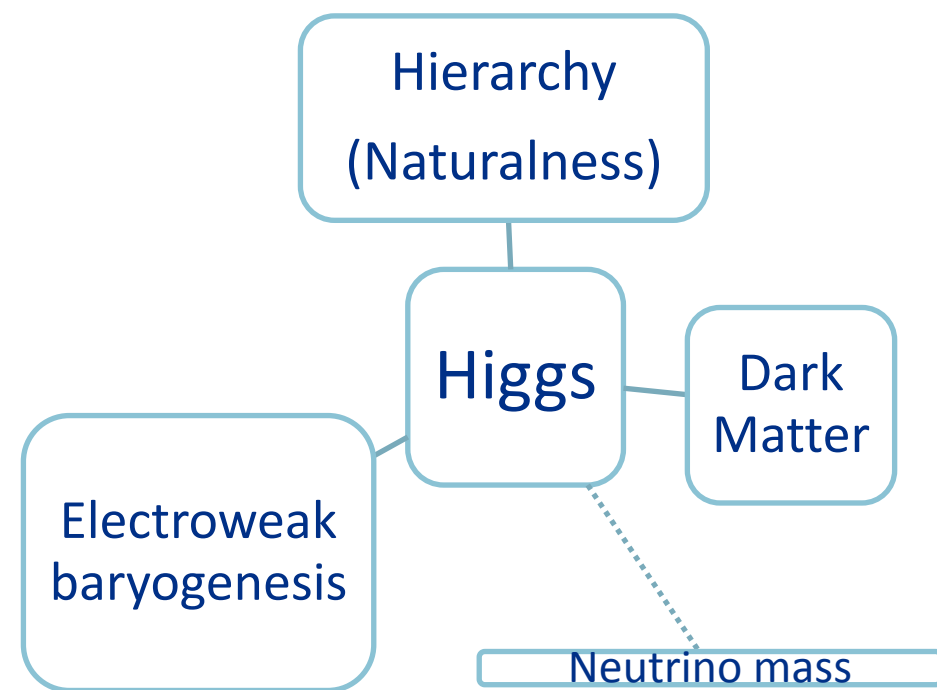
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**We think the Higgs exotic decays is one important missing piece.**



# Why Exotic Decays?

- Higgs boson can easily and well-motivated to be the portal to other BSM sectors. While most searches focus on heavy BSM particles, there is a whole zoo of light BSM particle not well explored at colliders.

(checking all the possibility; theoretical interests.)

(( $H^+H$ ) lowest mass dimensional spinless gauge singlet structure, easily a portal to BSM)

- The precision does not pin-point a scale, the exotic decays are to fully probe the scale below Higgs mass. \*\*

(complementarity)

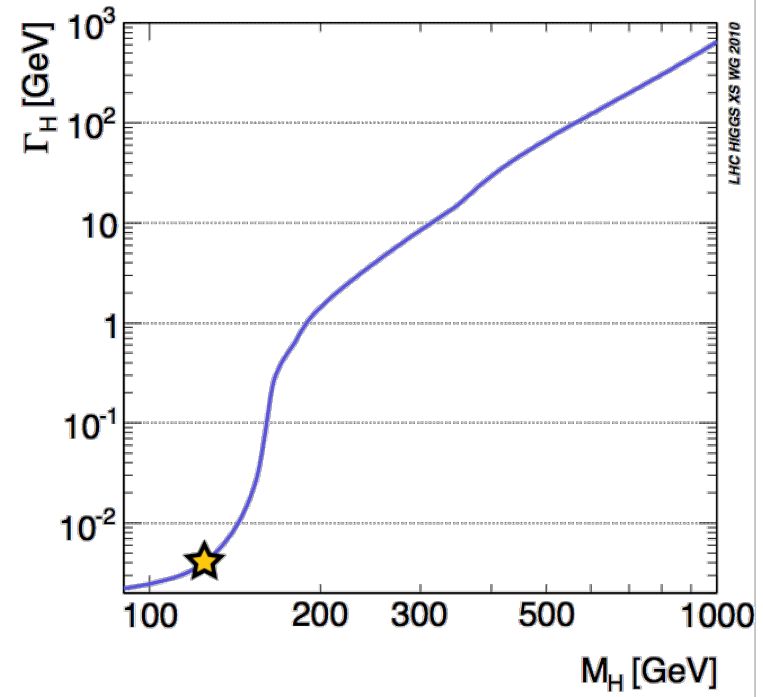
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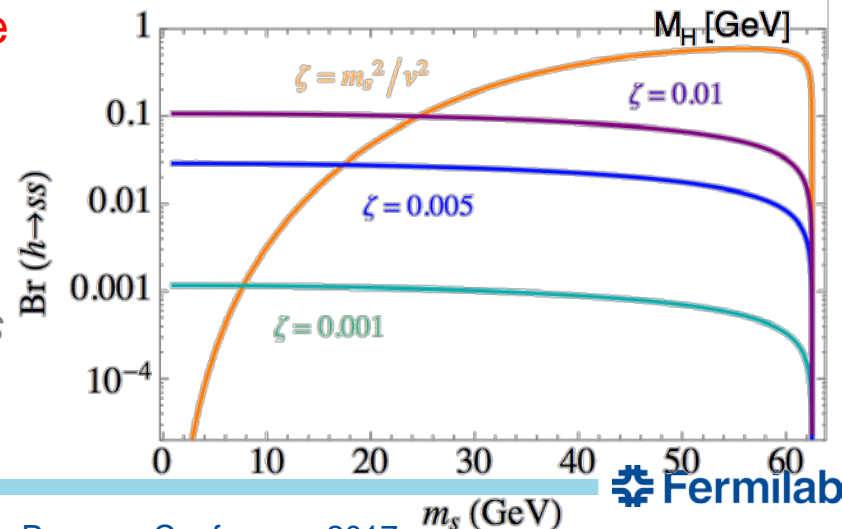
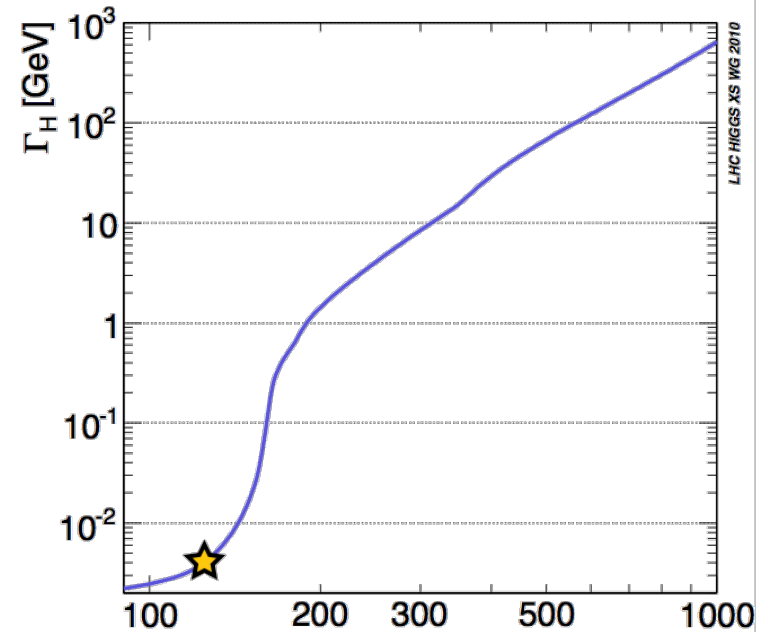
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- small couplings** to BSM could have **sizeable** branching, e.g.,

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\zeta}{2} s^2 |H|^2$$

(common building block in extended Higgs sectors) can give  $\text{BR}(h \rightarrow ss) \sim \mathcal{O}(10\%)$  for  $\zeta$  as *small* as 0.01 !





# Organizing the study

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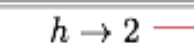
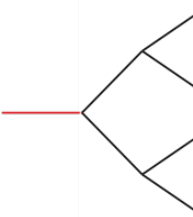
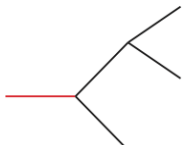
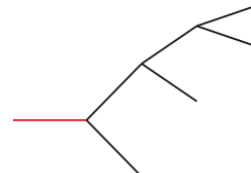
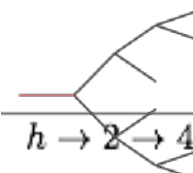
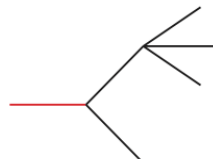
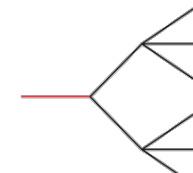
## Exotic decays of the 125 GeV Higgs boson

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David McKeen,<sup>9,10,h</sup> Jessie Shelton,<sup>6,i</sup> Matthew Strassler,<sup>6,j</sup> Ze'ev Surujon,<sup>1,k</sup> Brock Tweedie,<sup>8,11,l</sup> and Yi-Ming Zhong<sup>1,m</sup>

- observed 125 GeV state is primarily responsible for EWSB  
usually requires “decoupling” limit  $\rightarrow$  h production close to SM  
other scenarios possible, but this is generic and minimal
- 125 GeV state decays to new BSM particles  
these BSM particles could primarily/only be produced through h decays do not  
consider rare or nonstandard decays directly to SM particles (captured in  
precision program, including angular distributions)
- initial decay is 2-body  
3-body and higher is possible, but requires new light states w/ substantial  
coupling to h to overcome phase space suppression



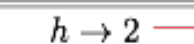





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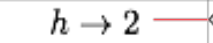




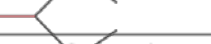
HL-LHC has large number of Higgs produced, having great sensitivity to exotic decays into leptons and photons

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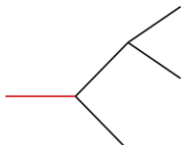
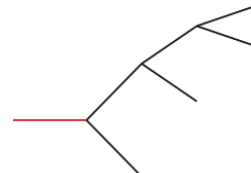
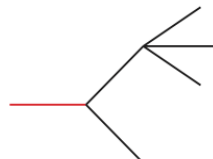
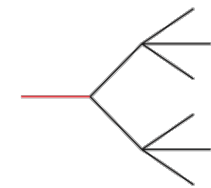
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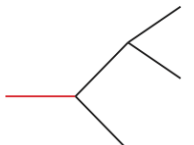
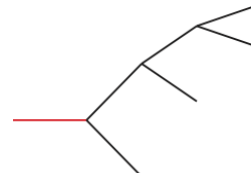
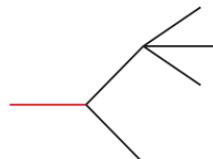
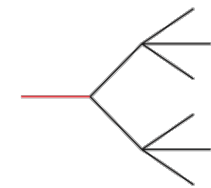
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With this picture in mind, I present two examples of our studies.

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Well-motivated as in  
SM+S, 2HDM+S, NMSSM,  
EWPT, etc.

Decay Mode $\mathcal{F}_i$	Projected/Current $2\sigma$ Limit on $\text{Br}(\mathcal{F}_i)$ 7+8 [14] TeV	Produc- tion Mode	quarks allowed		quarks suppressed	
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$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$	$> 1$ [ $0.15^L$ ]	$V$	0.1	$> 1$ [1]	0	–
$b\bar{b}\mu\mu$	$(2 - 7) \cdot 10^{-4}{}^T$ [ $(0.6 - 2) \cdot 10^{-4}{}^T$ ]	$G$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.5 - 1$ [0.2 – 0.8]	0	–
$\tau\tau\tau\tau$	$0.2 - 0.4^R$ [U]	$G$	0.005	40 – 80 [U]	1	$0.2 - 0.4$ [U]
$\tau\tau\mu\mu$	$(3 - 7) \cdot 10^{-4}{}^T$ [U]	$G$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	10 – 20 [U]	0.007	$0.04 - 0.1$ [U]
$\mu\mu\mu\mu$	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}{}^R$ [U]	$G$	$1 \cdot 10^{-7}$	1000 [U]	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	10 [U]

projection/limit based on theory estimate in literature (L), our theory estimate (T), our re-interpretation of an LHC limit (R), or is unknown (U)

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LHC projected constraints on the such exotic decay branching fractions of  $h \rightarrow aa$  around 20%

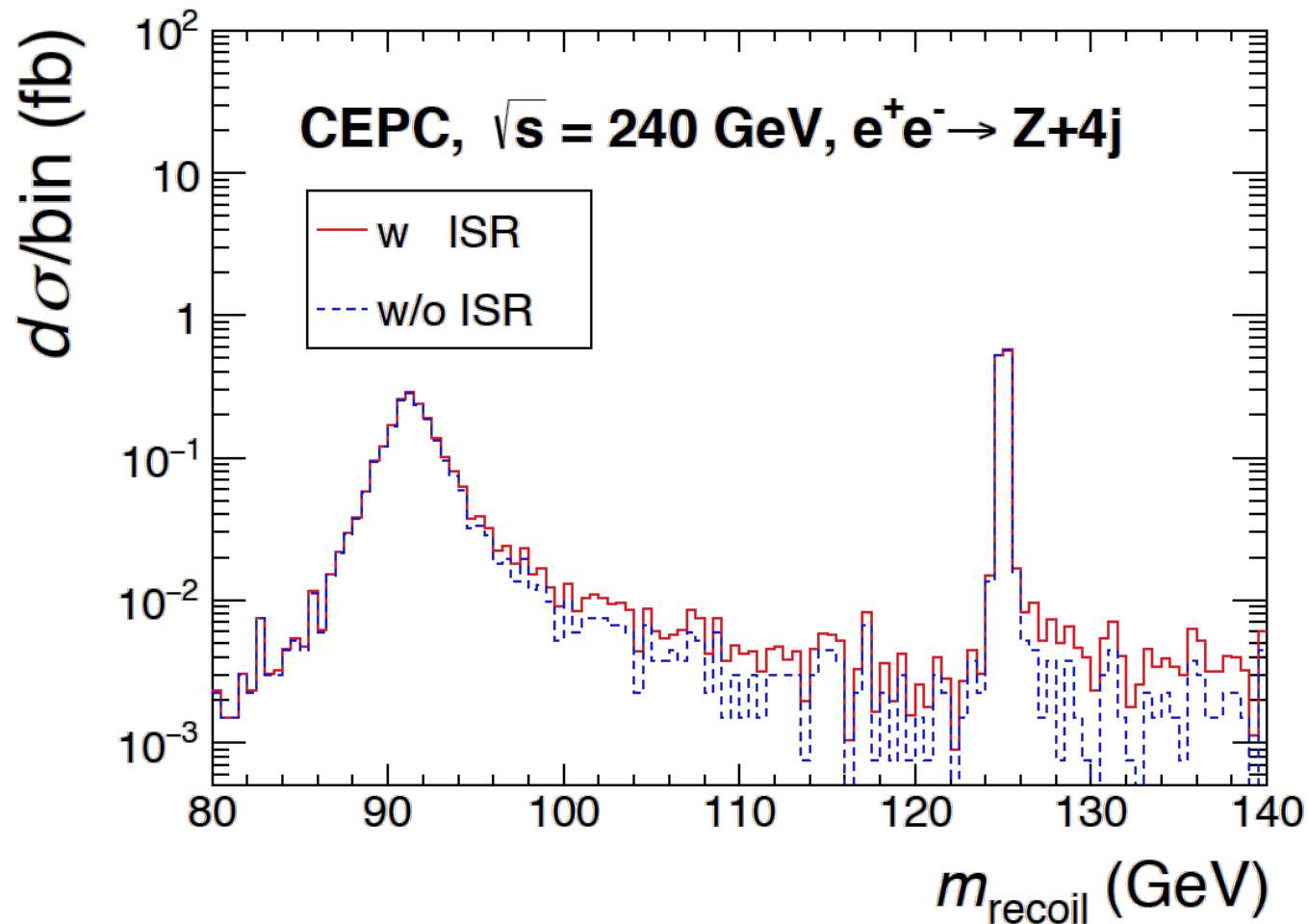
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$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$	$> 1$ [0.15 <sup>L</sup> ]	$V$	0.1	$> 1$ [1]	0	–
$b\bar{b}\mu\mu$	$(2 - 7) \cdot 10^{-4}{}^T$ [(0.6 – 2) · 10 <sup>–4</sup> <sup>T</sup> ]	$G$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.5 – 1 [0.2 – 0.8]	0	–
$\tau\tau\tau\tau$	$0.2 - 0.4^R$ [U]	$G$	0.005	40 – 80 [U]	1	$0.2 - 0.4$ [U]
$\tau\tau\mu\mu$	$(3 - 7) \cdot 10^{-4}{}^T$ [U]	$G$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	10 – 20 [U]	0.007	$0.04 - 0.1$ [U]
$\mu\mu\mu\mu$	$1 \cdot 10^{-4}{}^R$ [U]	$G$	$1 \cdot 10^{-7}$	1000 [U]	$1 \cdot 10^{-5}$	10 [U]

projection/limit based on theory estimate in literature (L), our theory estimate (T), our re-interpretation of an LHC limit (R), or is unknown (U)



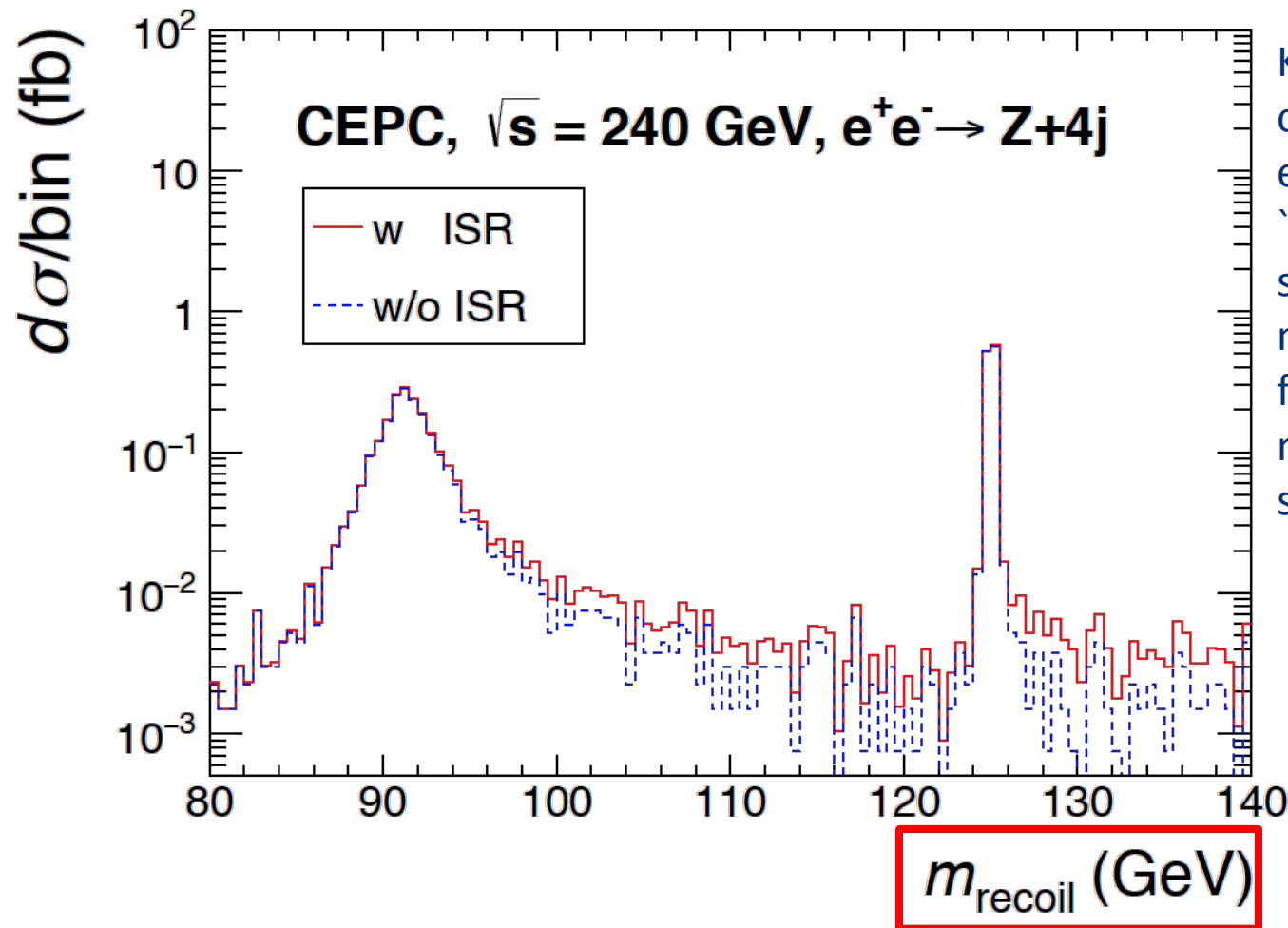
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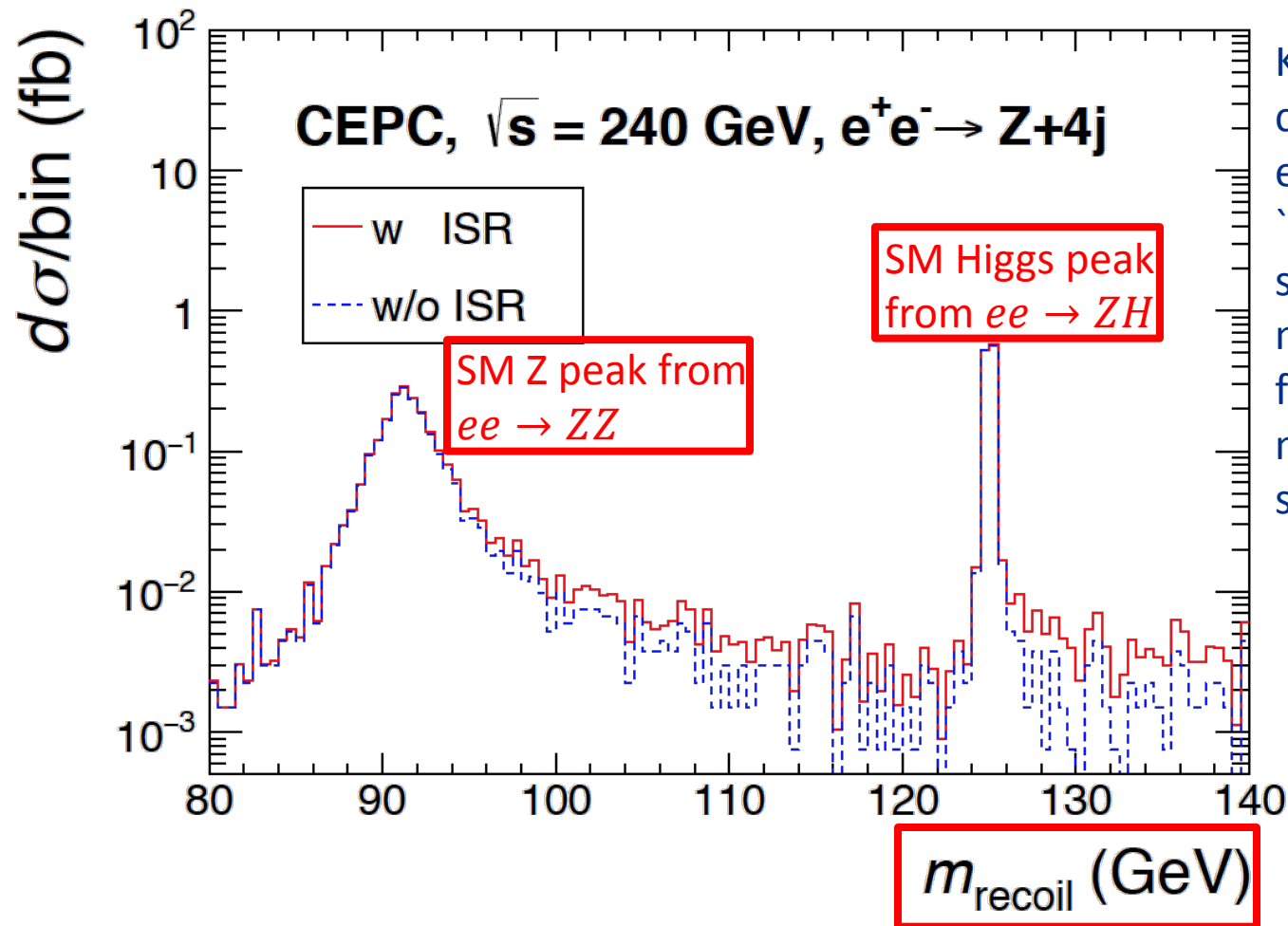
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- Preselection cuts:  $|\cos \theta_{j,\ell}| < 0.98, E_{j,\ell} > 10\text{GeV},$   
Similar to  
some LEP analysis  $y_{ij} \equiv \frac{2\min(E_i^2, E_j^2)(1 - \cos \theta_{ij})}{E_{vis}^2} > y_{\text{cut}},$   
a pair of OSSF leptons,  $\theta_{\ell\ell} > 80^\circ$   
 $|m_{\ell\ell} - m_Z| < 10\text{GeV}, |m_{\text{recoil}} - m_h| < 5\text{GeV}.$
- MadGraph5\_aMC@NLO.
- The ISR effect of the background is roughly mimicked by generating events with 1 additional photon (with  $p_T > 1\text{GeV}$  to avoid the IR divergence).
- Additional cut to suppress the ISR effect:  $E_{vis} > 225\text{GeV}.$

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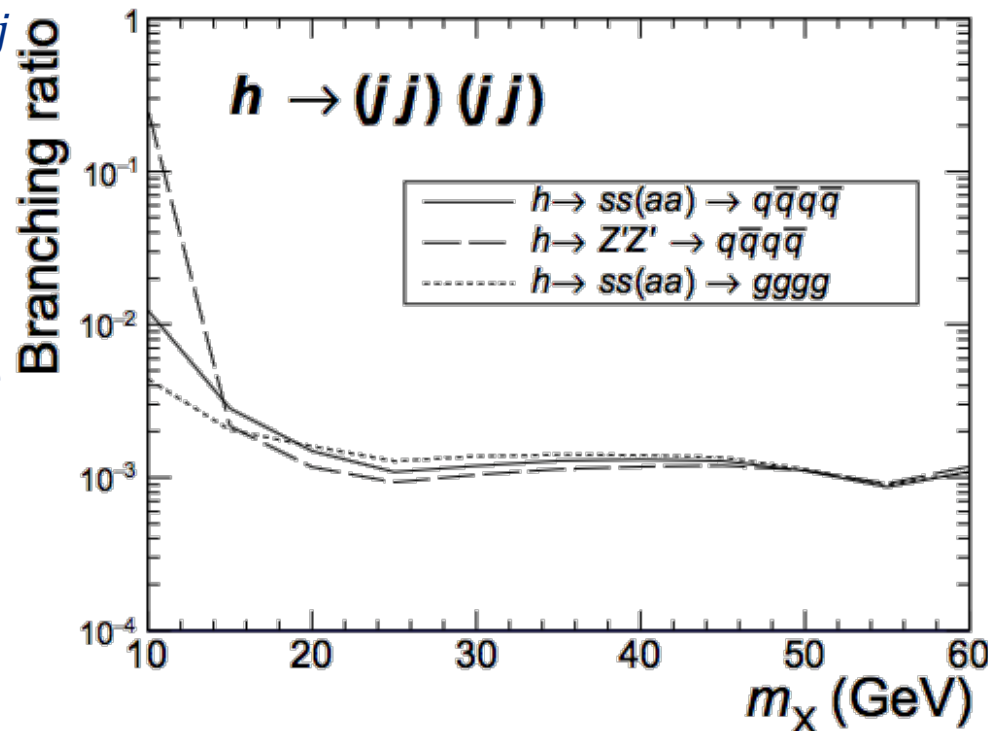
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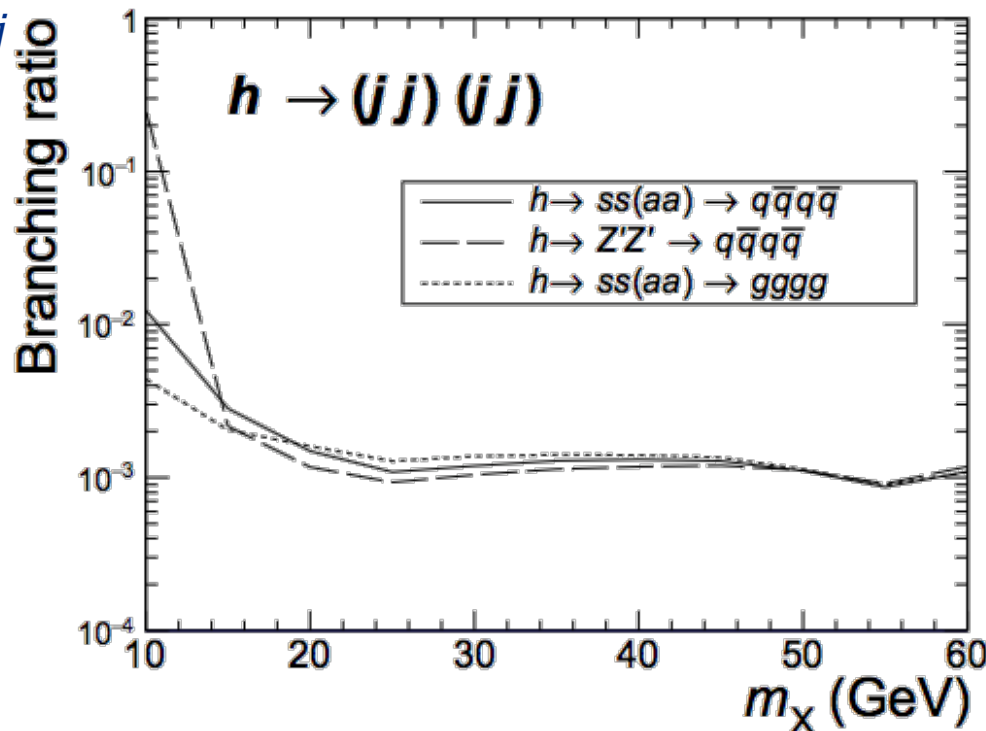
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**Great sensitivity** on exotic branching fraction  $O(10^{-3})$

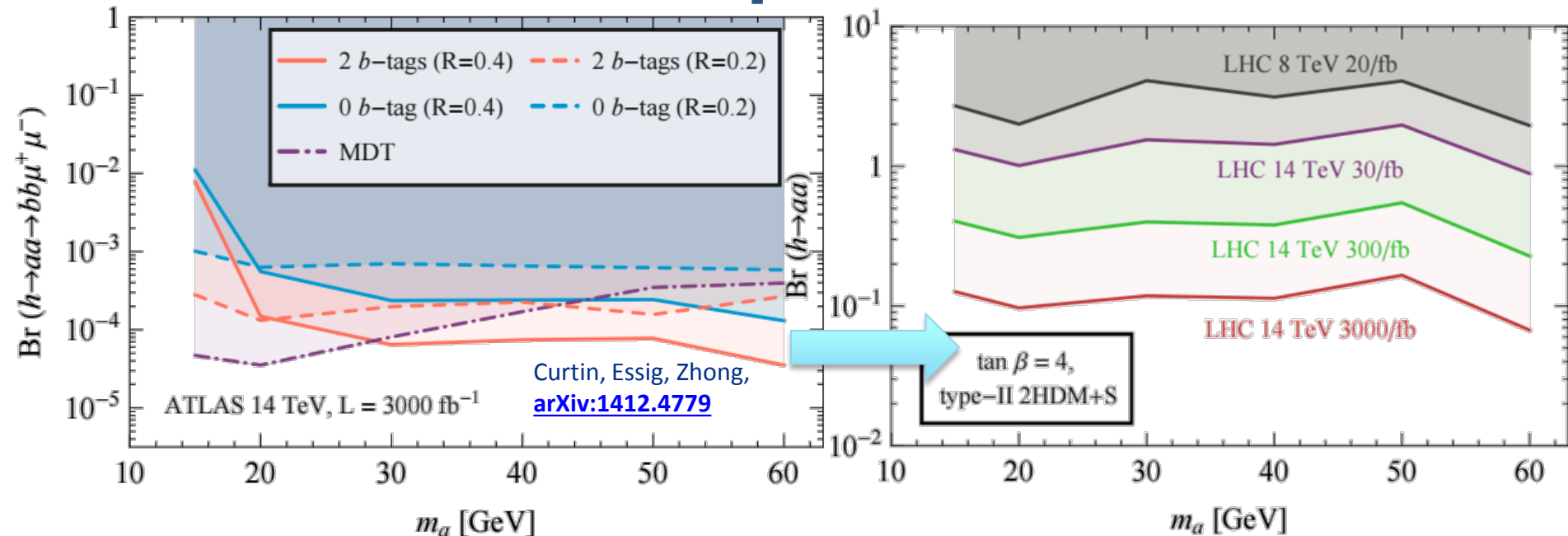
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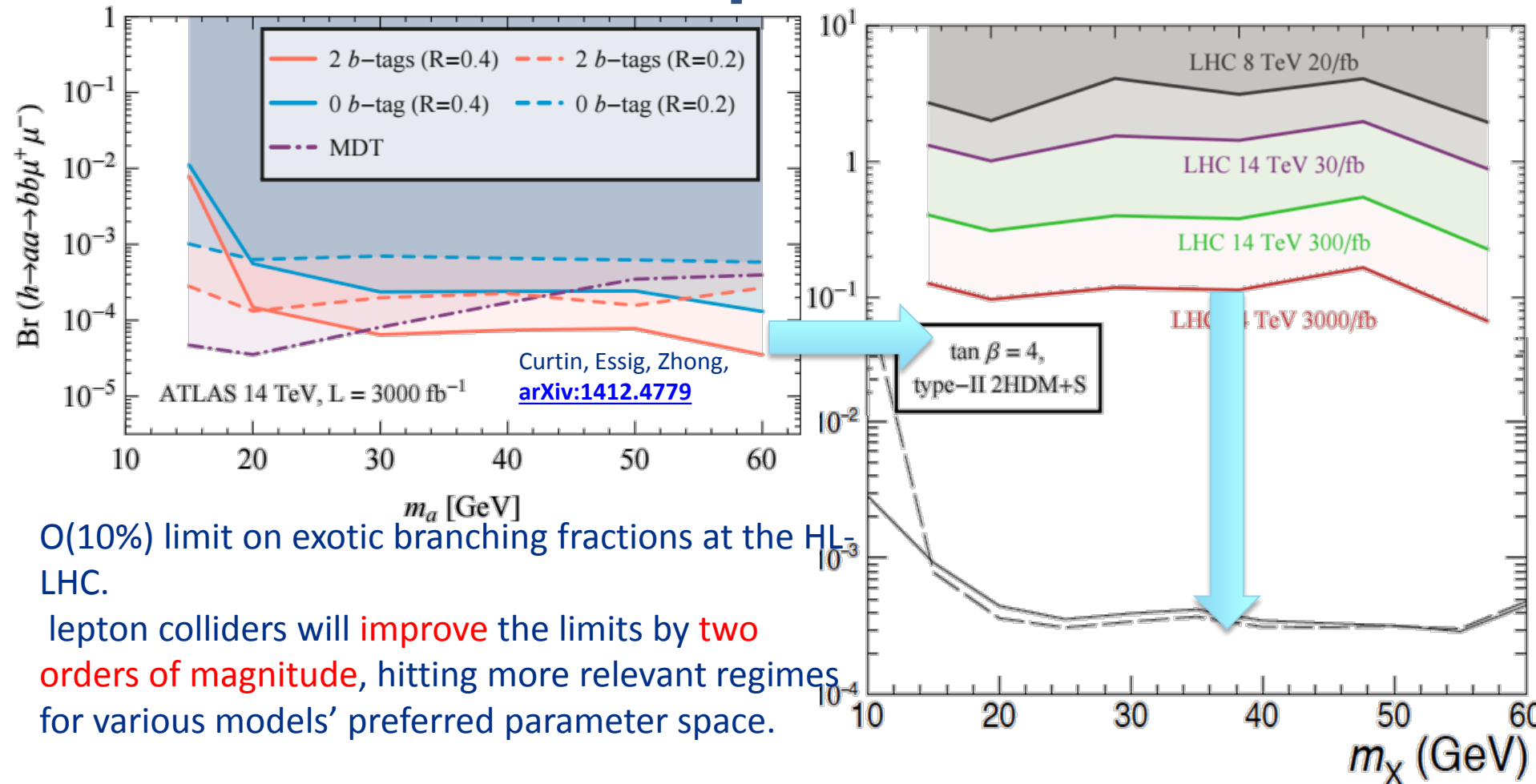
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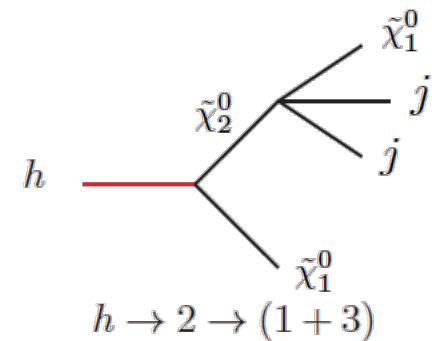
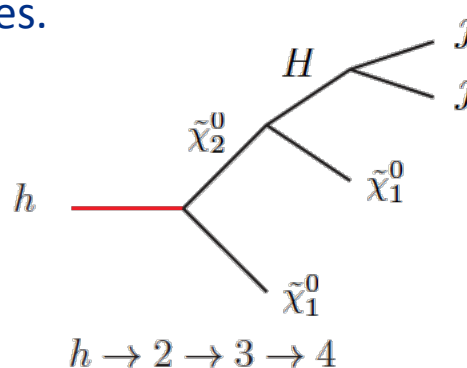
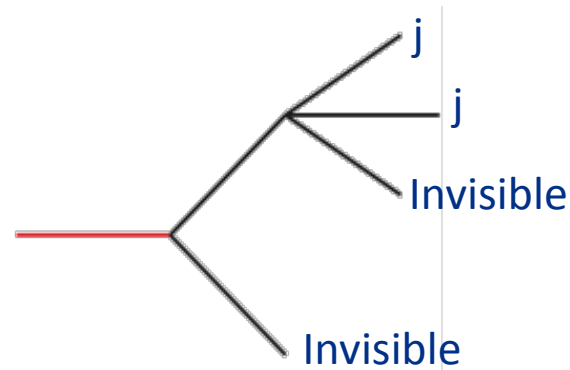
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Well-motivated from SUSY with light DM, or general DM models.

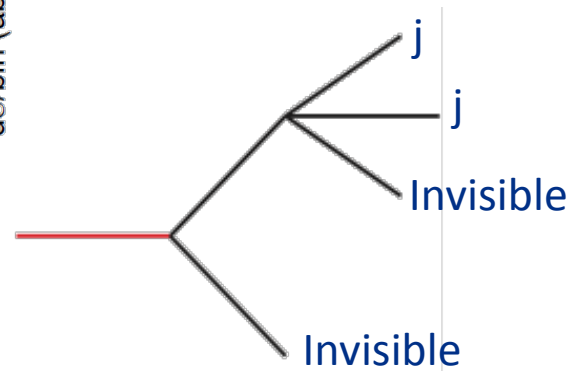
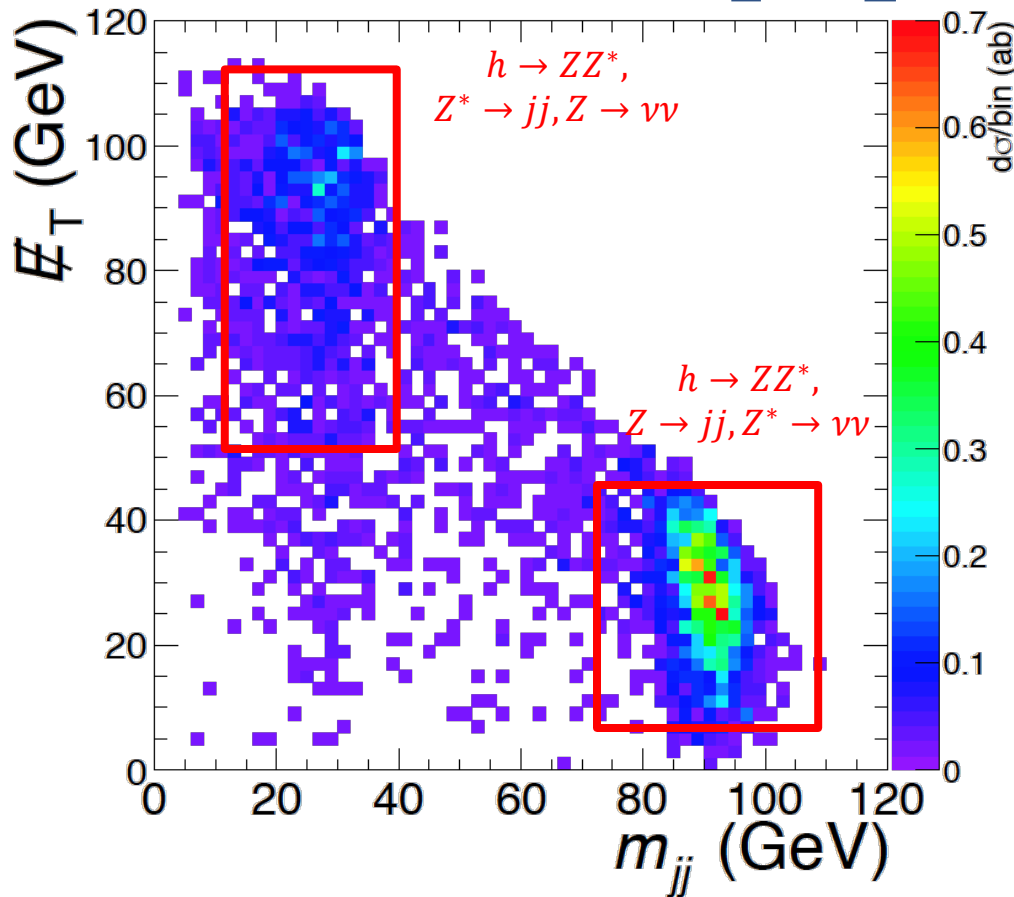
Very challenging, a nightmare at the (HL-) LHC

- 1) MET
- 2) Only light jets
- 3) no resonance signature from the dijet system, but rather a wide range of invariant mass bounded by the mass differences.



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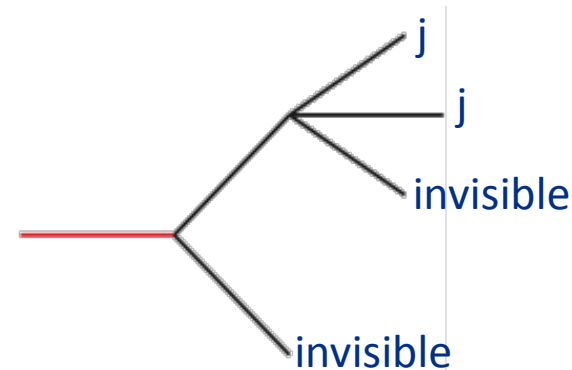
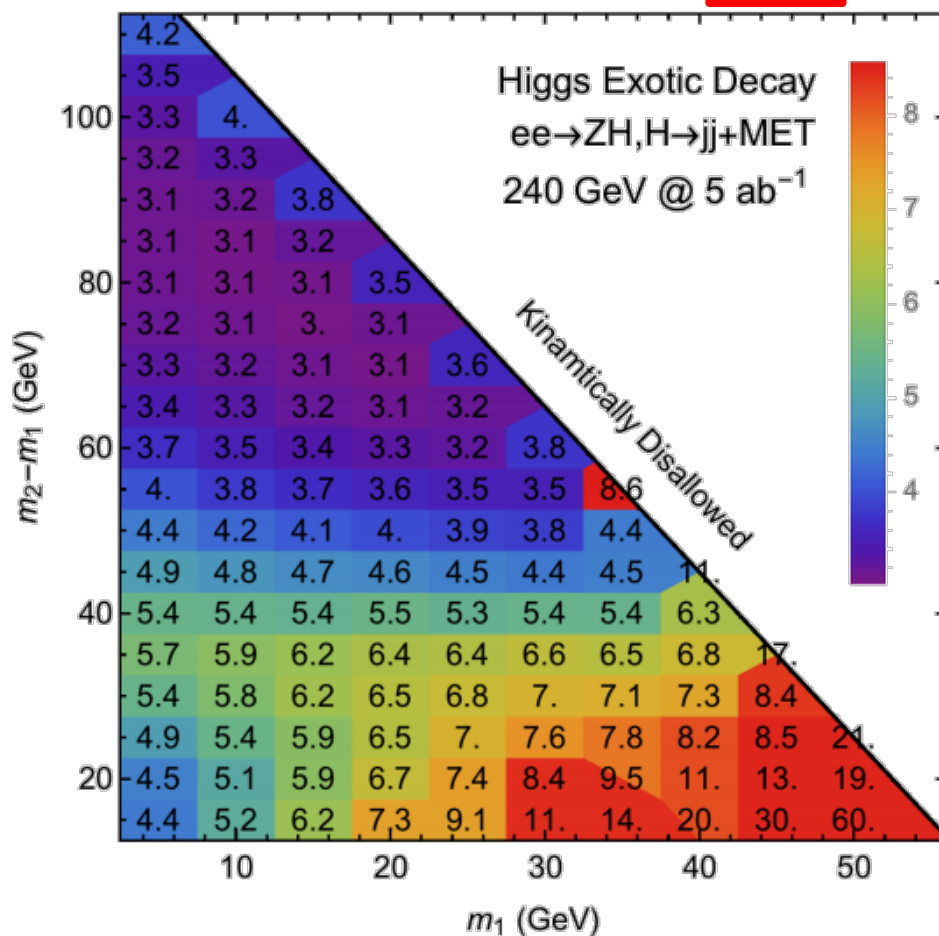
Background dominant by the the SM Higgs decays into four quarks via  $ZZ^*$  after pre-selection cuts

\*\*another interesting improvement only available at lepton colliders, using ``recoil mass'' again to veto the  $Z^{(*)} \rightarrow \nu\nu$  mass peak.

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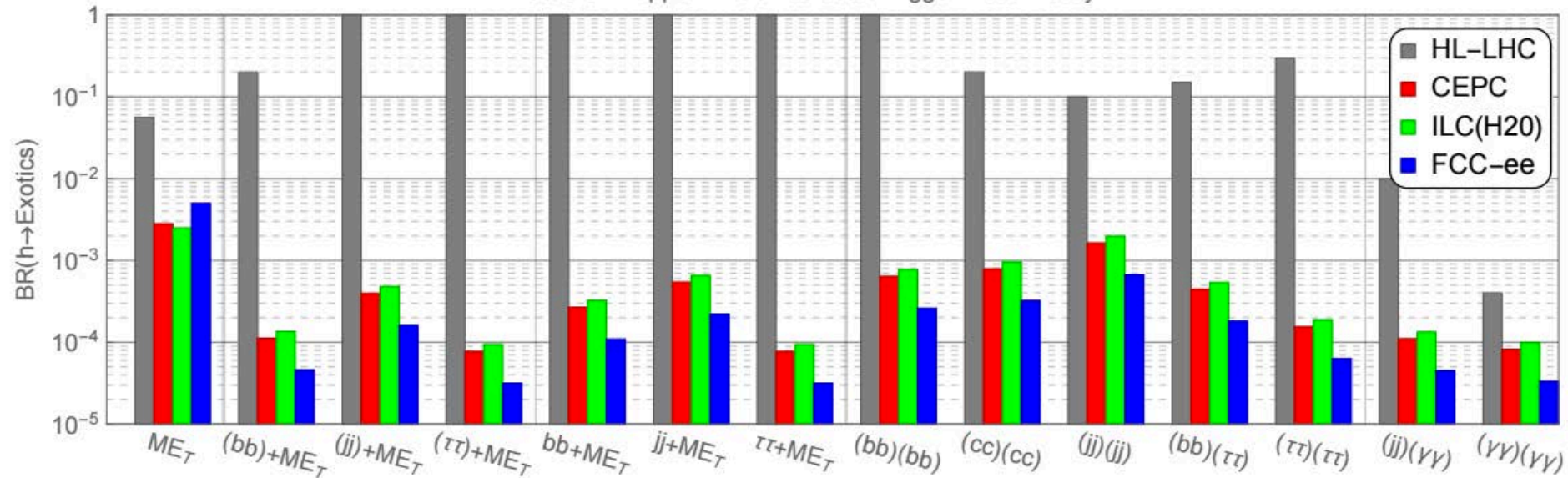


Depending on the masses of the decaying particles, the exclusion reach on Higgs exotic BRs could be as low as  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  and remains this order for large range, except kinematic edges.

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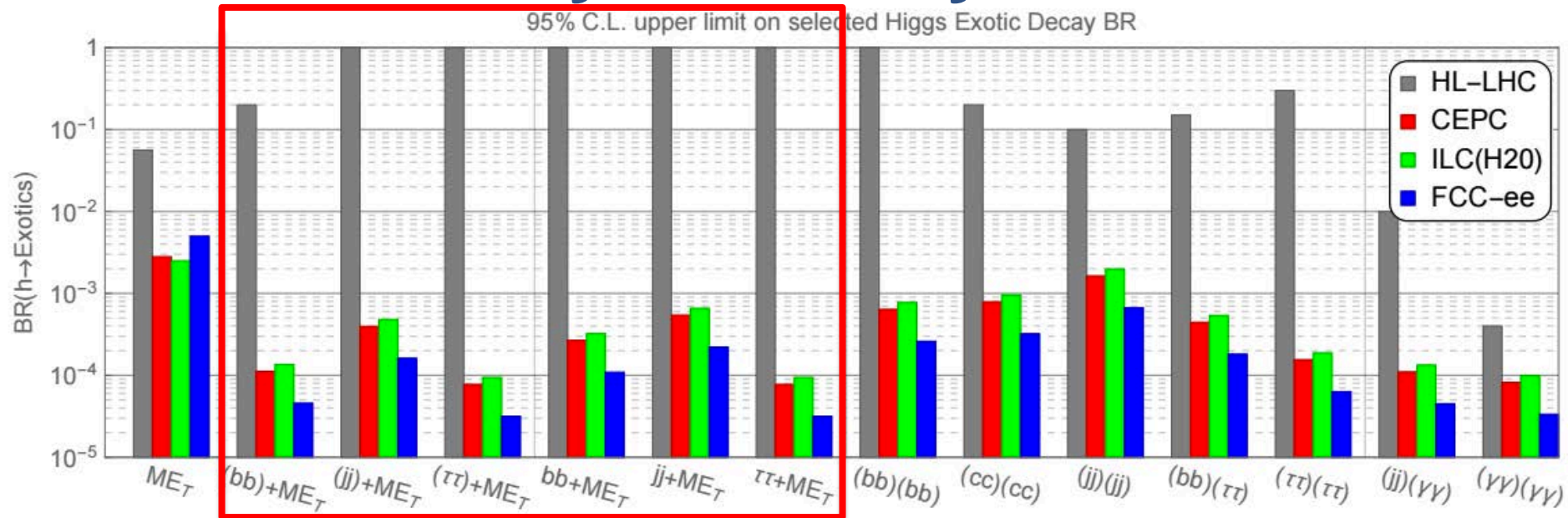
95% C.L. upper limit on selected Higgs Exotic Decay BR



We visualize the sensitivity on Higgs exotic decay branching fractions with some reasonable choice of model parameters.

The HL-LHC are from various studies and projections available in the literature; The lepton collider sensitivities (except for the first channel,  $h \rightarrow inv$ ) are from our study with different  $ee \rightarrow ZH$  integrated luminosities and beam polarizations for different colliders.

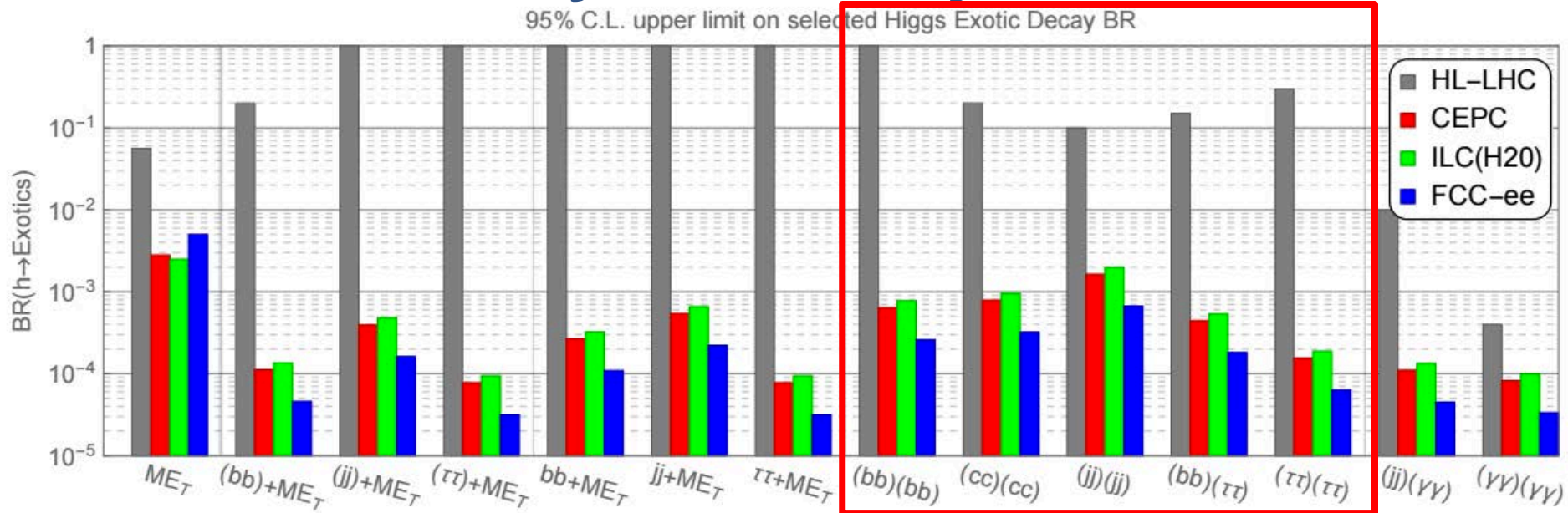
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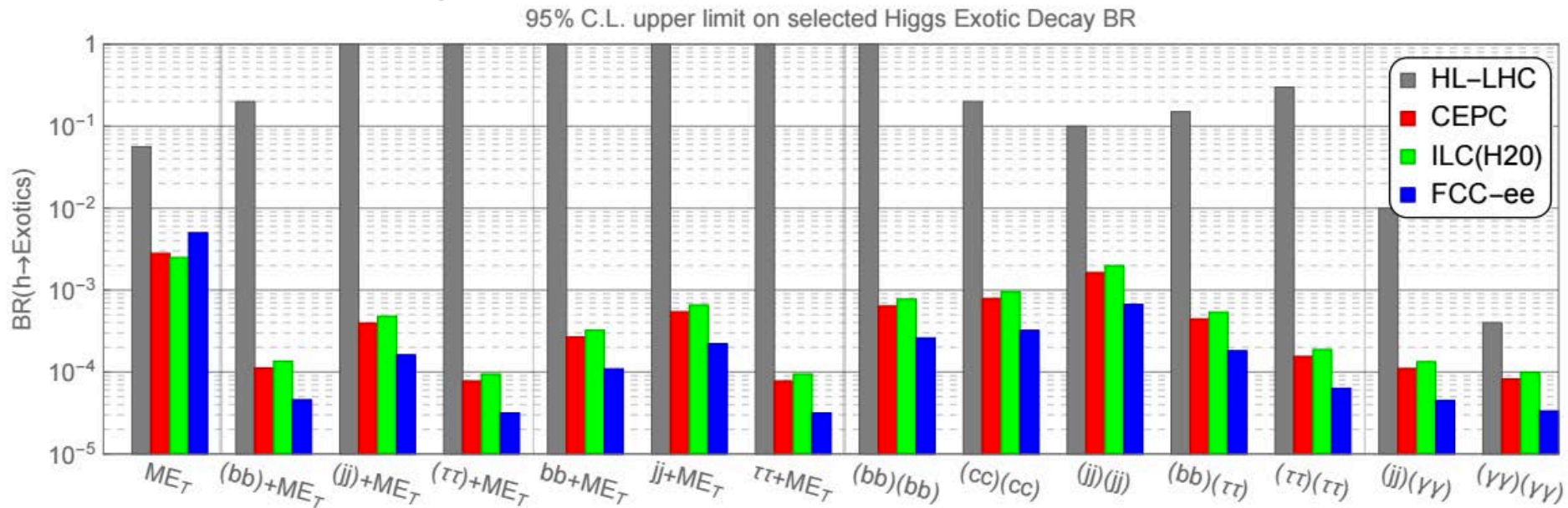


$h \rightarrow 4f$  generic Higgs sector extensions, also Higgs portals

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# Summary



- Higgs Exotic decays is a very **important component of Higgs program** at future colliders
- Lepton colliders show great **advantage** for decays that are very challenging at the LHC, such as Higgs decays into jets and Higgs decays with missing energy
- Hadron colliders and lepton colliders are **complementary** in probing Higgs exotic decays and could together provide a much more coherent picture for discovery
- Many **more** works for Higgs exotic decays at both the LHC and future colliders are interesting and are needed.

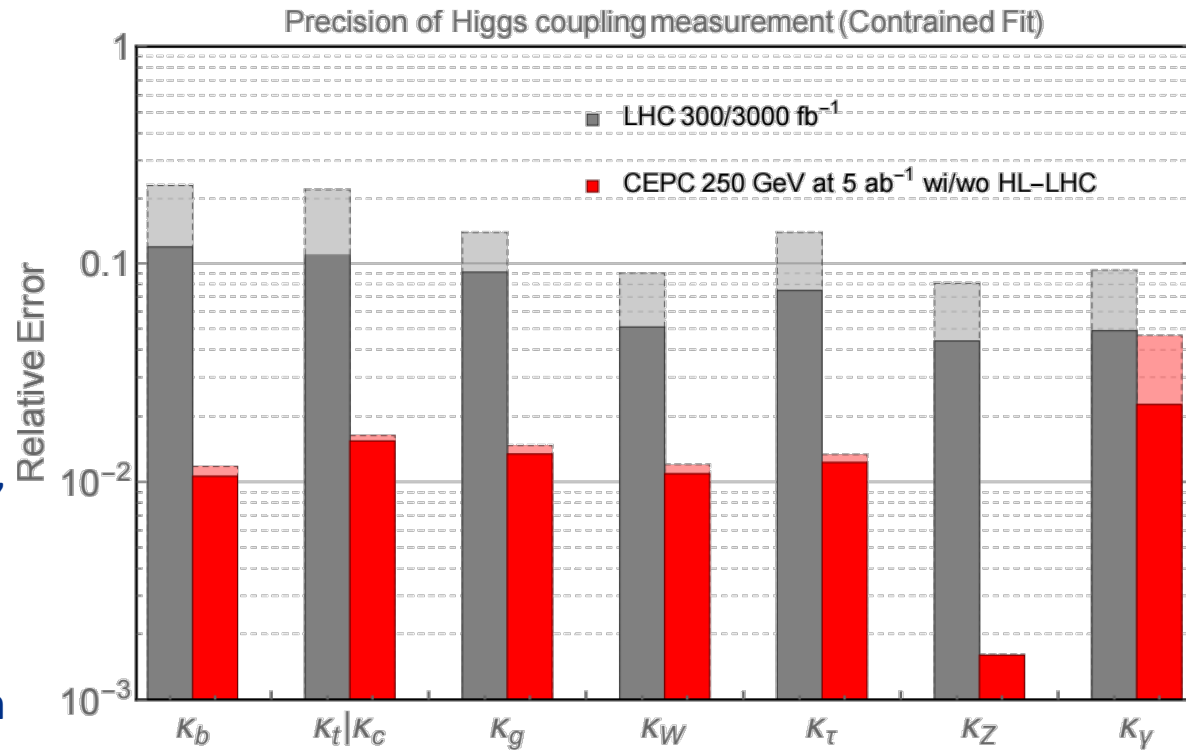
# Backup

# Precision—couplings

LC features the “model independent” determination of Higgs couplings and improves the precision by roughly one order of magnitude.

(HL-)LHC has advantages over measuring Higgs (EW) rare decays,  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l, Z\gamma, \mu\mu, \gamma\gamma$ , etc.

Combining both experimental results improves Higgs precision in a non-trivial way.



Similar examples include  $\mu\mu, gg, cc$  couplings.

(See more detailed discussion including more LC-LHC combinations in e.g., T. Han, **ZL** and J. Sayre, [arXiv:1311.7155](#), M. Klute, R. Lafaye, T. Plehn, M. Rauch, D. Zerwas, [arXiv:1301.1322](#)).

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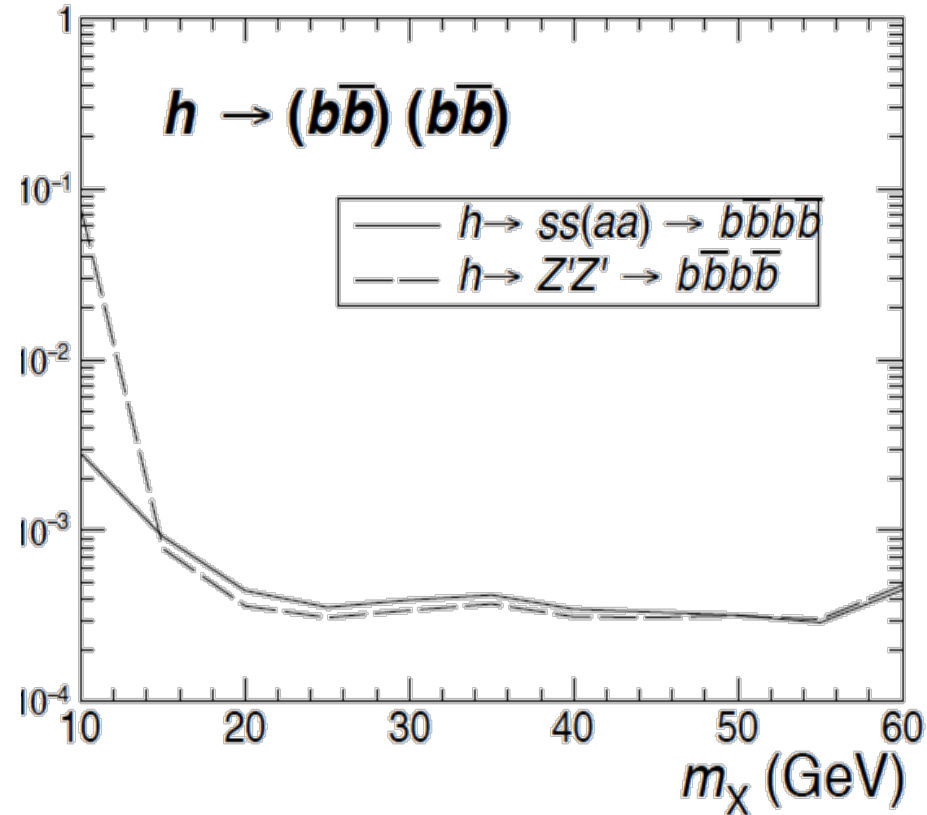
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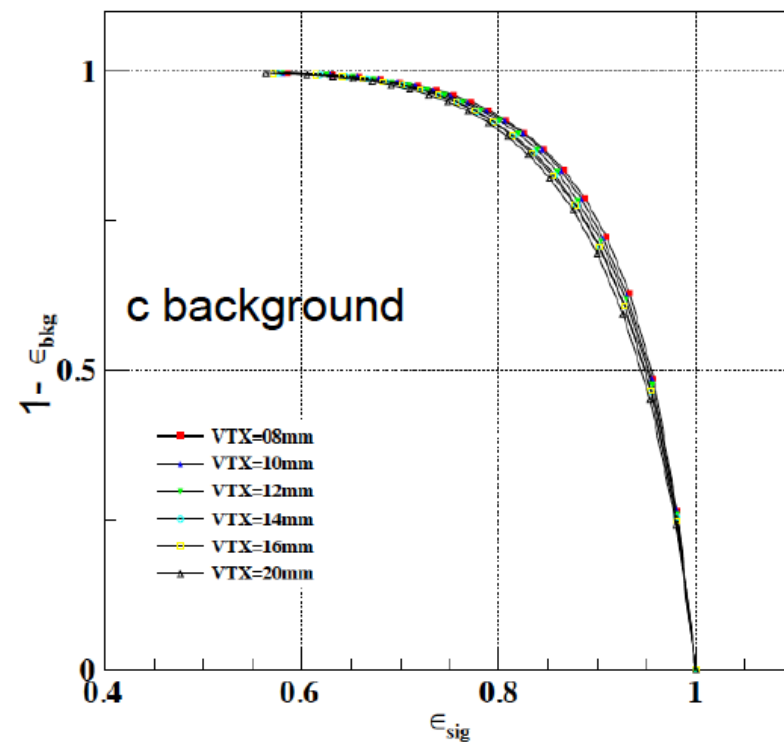
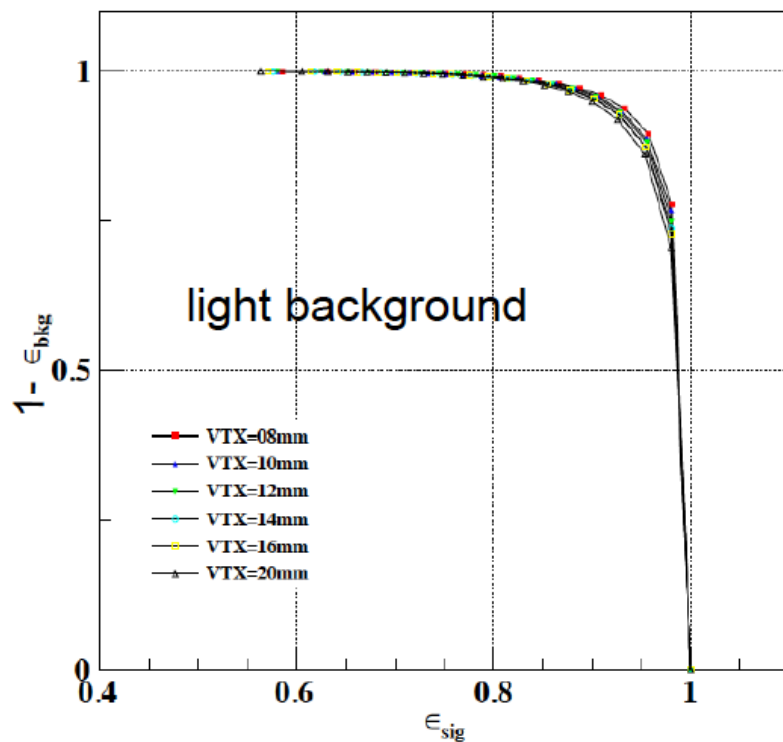
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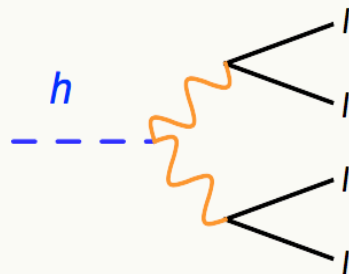
- With 8 – 20 mm VTX Inner radius, very good *b*-tagging
  - At efficiency  $\sim 80\%$ : almost reject all the light background & only 8-10% *c*-jets misidentified as *b*-jets (Purity  $\sim 93$ -96% at *Z* to *qq* events).

Decay Mode	95% C.L. limit on Br				
	LHC	HL-LHC	CEPC	ILC	FCC-ee
$\cancel{E}_T$	0.23 [37, 38]	0.056 [12–14]	0.0028 [16]	0.0025 [17]	0.005 [18]
$(b\bar{b}) + \cancel{E}_T$	–	[0.2]	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
$(jj) + \cancel{E}_T$	–	–	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
$(\tau^+\tau^-) + \cancel{E}_T$	–	[1]	$8 \times 10^{-4*}$	$9 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$
$b\bar{b} + \cancel{E}_T$	–	–	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
$jj + \cancel{E}_T$	–	–	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$7 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
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$(b\bar{b})(b\bar{b})$	1.7 [48]	(0.2)	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	$8 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$
$(c\bar{c})(c\bar{c})$	–	(0.2)	$8 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$3 \times 10^{-4}$
$(jj)(jj)$	–	[0.1]	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	$7 \times 10^{-4}$
$(b\bar{b})(\tau^+\tau^-)$	[0.1]* [49]	[0.15]	$4 \times 10^{-4*}$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
$(\tau^+\tau^-)(\tau^+\tau^-)$	[1.2]* [50]	[0.2 ~ 0.4]	$1 \times 10^{-4*}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
$(jj)(\gamma\gamma)$	–	[0.01]	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$
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# Picture of pp vs.. ee

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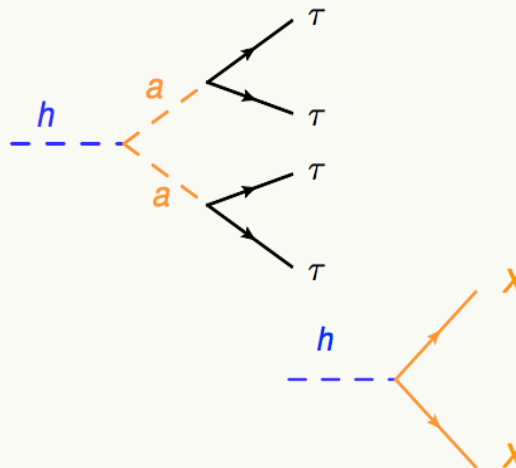
Slide from J. Shelton



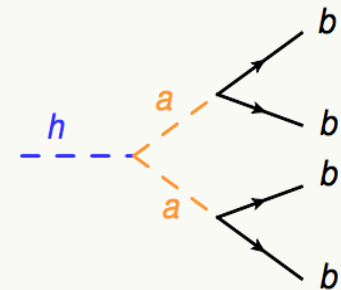
Easy: multiple resonant light leptons

$$\text{Br} \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-4}$$

Moderate: multiple electroweak objects, poor mass resolution



$$\text{Br} \lesssim 0.1 - 0.6$$



Hard: all-hadronic

$$\text{Br} \lesssim 0.9$$