

Perturbative Unitarity Constraints on a SUSY Higgs portal

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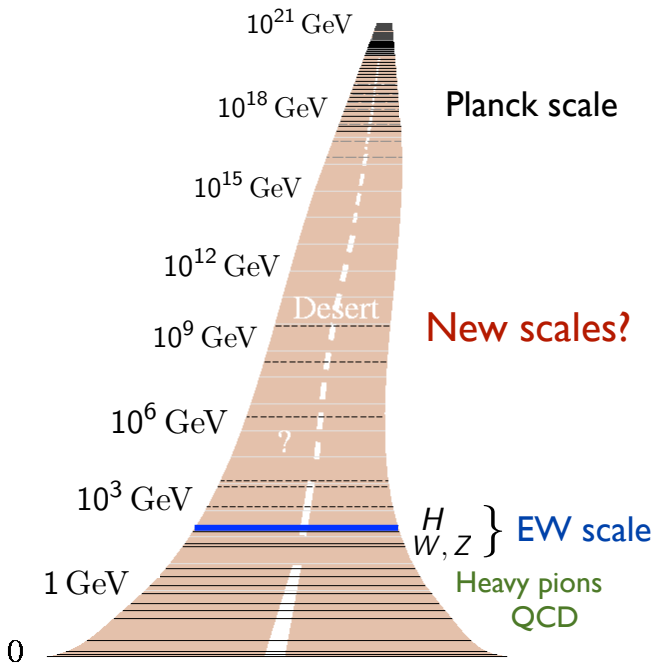
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- ▶ **Perturbative Unitarity**

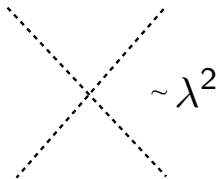
Unitarity in the Standard Model

- ▶ Breaking of perturbative unitarity is a sign for new physics
 - ▶ **Light pion effective theory:** unitarity violated around 1.2 GeV
 - ⇒ Axial and vector resonances at 800 MeV
 - ▶ **Fermi theory:** Unitarity violated around 350 GeV
 - ⇒ W boson at 80 GeV
 - ▶ **Electroweak theory:** unitarity violated around 1 TeV
 - ⇒ Higgs boson at 125 GeV

Effects of unitarity on couplings

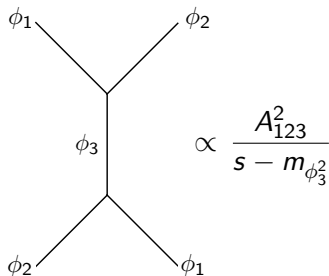
$$\text{Re}T_{ii} < \frac{1}{2}$$

Dimensionless Unitarity



Bounds on quartic couplings
Lee, Quigg, Thacker [Phys. Rev. D 16,
1519 (1977)]

Dimensionful Unitarity



Bounds on mass ratios
Schuessler, Zeppenfeld [arXiv:0710.5175]

Anchoring the spectrum: Low Energy Observables

- ▶ Unitarity constrains BSM theories
 - ⇒ Upper bounds on dimensionless couplings
 - ⇒ Upper bounds on **ratios** of scales
- ▶ Does not prevent decoupling

What if new phenomena are observed?

- ▶ Couple unitarity to low energy observables

Unitarity and Dark Matter

- ▶ Dark Matter is one of the only evidences of new physics beyond the SM
- ▶ Unknown mass, **known relic density**
- ▶ Only gravitational couplings observed

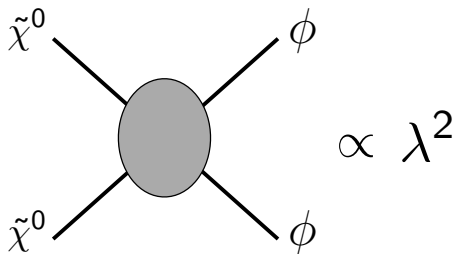
Thermal Dark Matter

- ▶ Dark Matter relic density is obtained through annihilation to lighter particles
- ▶ Dark Matter **cannot** decouple from the light sector
- ▶ Relic Density known as a function of DM couplings

Thermal Dark Matter

Heavy dark matter requires large couplings

⇒ Unitarity violation at large mass



- ▶ Existing Unitarity Bound : 120 TeV for $\lambda = 4\pi$ [Griest and Kamionkowski, 1990](#)
- ▶ Much tighter bounds for specific theories!

A recipe for constraining new models

- ▶ Applies to
 - ▶ Models predicting a **Dark Matter candidate**
 - ▶ Known production and annihilation mechanisms
- ▶ **Dimensionful unitarity**: upper bounds on the mass ratios
 - ▶ Contracted spectrum
- ▶ **Dimensionless unitarity**: upper bounds on dimensionless couplings
- ▶ **Tension with Relic Abundance constraints** for heavy Dark Matter

Unitarity and Relic Abundance set an upper bound
on the masses of the new particles!

- ▶ Unitarity constraints on the Higgs portal \Rightarrow 10 TeV bounds
[Walker \[arXiv:1310.1083\]](#)

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The NMSSM Higgs sector

- ▶ Focus on NMSSM Higgs Sector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{W}_{\text{NMSSM}} &= -\lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \cdot \hat{H}_d + \frac{1}{3} \kappa \hat{S}^3 \\ V_{\text{soft}} &= m_{H_d}^2 H_d^\dagger H_d + m_{H_u}^2 H_u^\dagger H_u + m_S^2 S^\dagger S \\ &\quad - \left(\lambda A_\lambda S H_u H_d - \frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3 + h.c. \right)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Winos, Binos and Sfermions decoupled
- ▶ Six parameters after EWSB

$$\lambda, \kappa, \tan \beta, \mu, A_\lambda, A_\kappa$$

NMSSM spectrum: Decoupling limit

- ▶ One light Higgs, $m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$
- ▶ Heavy Higgs masses depending on

$$\mu^2, A_\lambda \mu \text{ and } A_\kappa \mu$$

- ▶ Higgsino/Singlino Dark Matter

$$m_{\text{DM}} \sim \mu$$

- ▶ DM annihilation governed by λ and/or κ

Upper Bounds on the NMSSM

- ▶ Tree-level study

$$m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda v^2 \sin^2 2\beta \geq (125 \text{ GeV})^2$$

$$\lambda \geq 0.7$$

- ▶ Using unitarity + Relic abundance measurements
- ▶ We want to obtain
 - ⇒ Upper bounds on λ, κ
 - ⇒ Upper bounds on $A_{\lambda, \kappa} / \mu$
 - ⇒ Upper bound on μ

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NMSSM and Unitarity

The image shows two Feynman diagrams for the scattering of four scalars (S). The first diagram is a contact interaction where four external lines meet at a single central point. The second diagram is a t-channel exchange where two external lines meet at a vertex, a horizontal internal line labeled 'S' connects to another vertex, and two external lines emerge from that vertex. To the right of these diagrams is the mathematical expression for the scattering amplitude: $\propto \kappa^2 + \frac{\kappa^2 A_\kappa^2}{s - m_S^2}$.

- ▶ Lee-Quigg-Thacker type bounds on λ and κ

If $s \sim 5m_S^2$

$$\mathcal{A} \propto \kappa^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\kappa^2 A_\kappa}{\mu}\right)$$

- ▶ All heavy particle masses are of order μ or less

Perturbative Unitarity

Constrains a given scattering matrix

$$S = 1 + iT$$

Optical theorem

$$S^\dagger S = I \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(T - T^\dagger) = |T_{ii}^2|$$

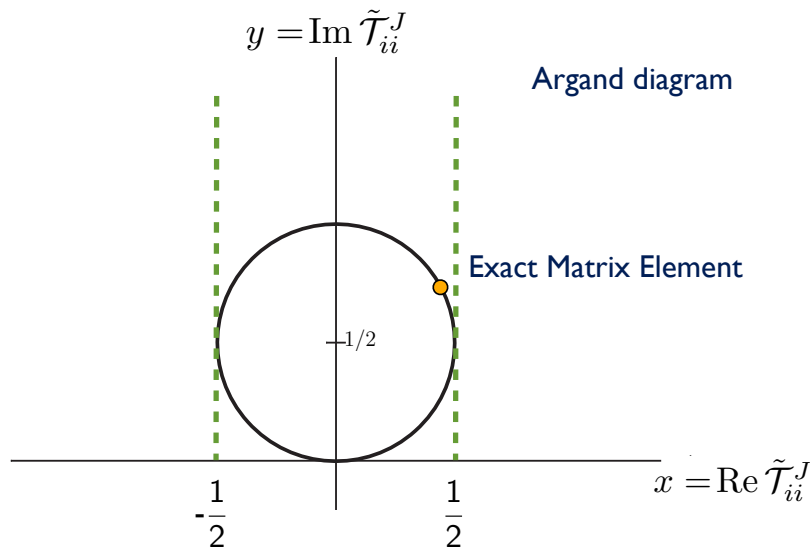
Use Partial Wave Decomposition

$$\tilde{T}_{ij}^J = \frac{\lambda_i^{1/4} \lambda_f^{1/4}}{32\pi s} \int_{-1}^1 T_{ij} P_J(\cos \theta) d \cos \theta$$

We find

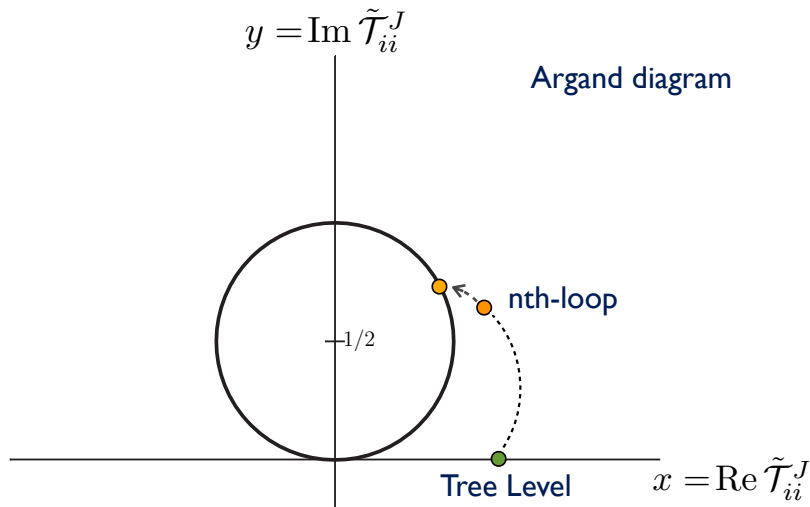
$$\text{Im } \tilde{T}_{ii} = |\tilde{T}_{ii}|^2 \Rightarrow |\text{Re } \tilde{T}_{ii}| < \frac{1}{2}$$

Perturbative Unitarity: a Geometric view



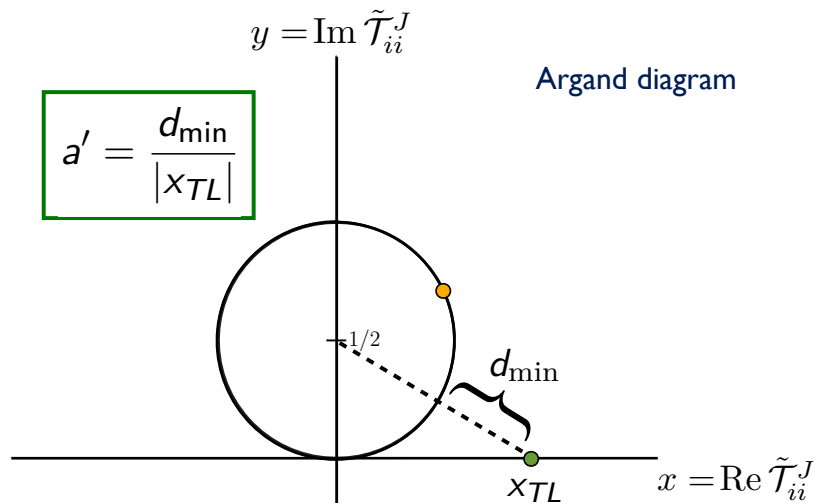
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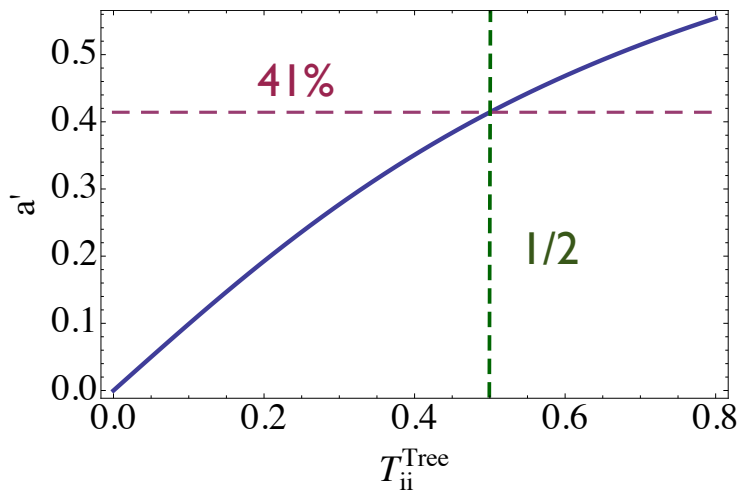
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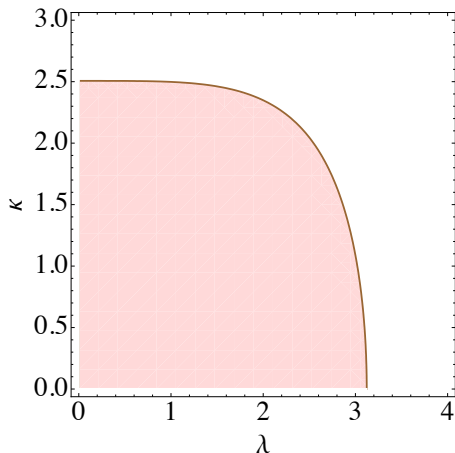
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- ▶ Conservative estimate of loop corrections



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Constraints on dimensionless couplings

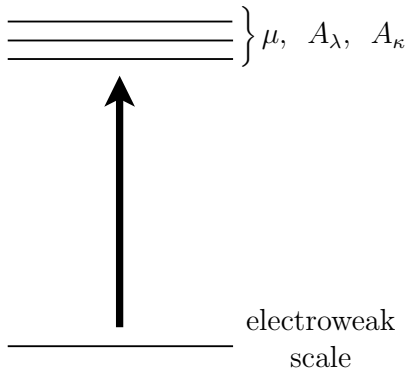


For large s , only quartic couplings remain

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} |\operatorname{Re} \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_{ii}| < \frac{1}{2}$$

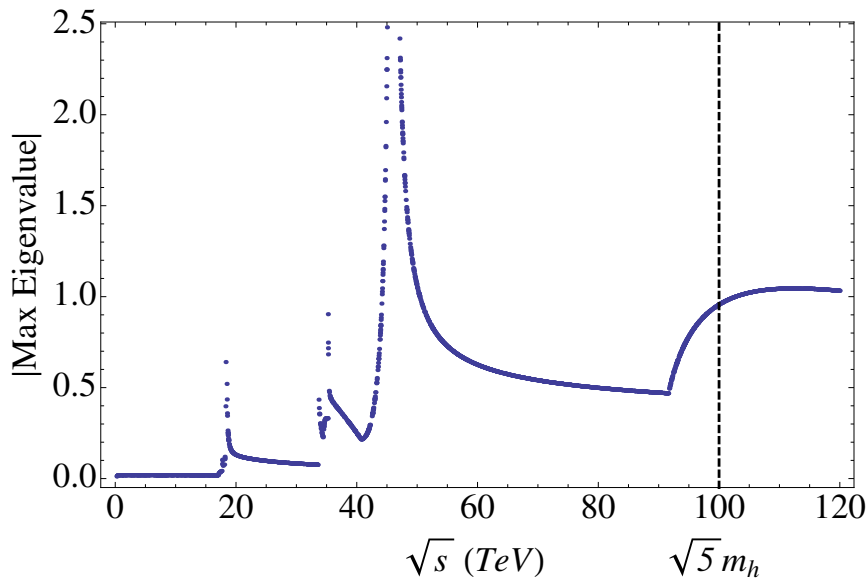
$$\lambda, \kappa \lesssim 3$$

Unitarity and SUSY breaking scales



- ▶ m_H, m_A, m_χ depend on A_λ, A_κ, μ
- ▶ Trilinear couplings
⇒ vanish at high energy
- ▶ Energy-dependent scattering amplitudes
⇒ Scan over s

General Optimal s



Unitarity: Summary

- ▶ Upper bounds on λ and κ

$$\lambda, \kappa \lesssim 3$$

- ▶ Optimal bounds for

$$s \sim 5m_H^2$$

- ▶ Upper bounds on ratios of scales

$$\frac{A_\lambda}{\mu} \text{ and } \frac{A_\kappa}{\mu} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

- ▶ μ is the only scale left unconstrained \Rightarrow Need to constrain the DM mass!

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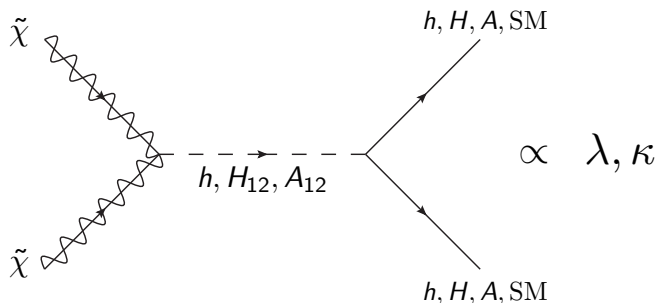
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Relic density anchors the heavy spectrum



- ▶ λ and κ increase with the DM mass
- ▶ Maximal mass when λ or κ hits the unitarity bound

Loopholes in Fine-Tuned Regions

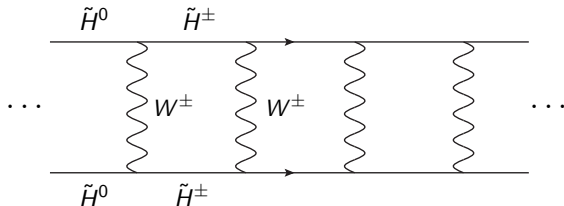
- ▶ Higgs funnels: s-channel resonances when

$$R = \min_i \frac{|2m_\chi - m_{H_i}|}{m_{H_i}} \lesssim 0.1$$

- ▶ t-channel resonances: not in our model but can exist if

$$m_{\chi^0} \sim m_W + m_{\chi^\pm}$$

- ▶ Sommerfeld enhanced regions: for low Higgsino-Chargino splitting



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Finding upper bounds: procedure

- ▶ Uniform scan over 6 parameters with the 125 GeV Higgs mass constraint

$$\lambda, |\kappa| < 4, \quad |A_i|, |\mu| < 40 \text{ TeV}$$

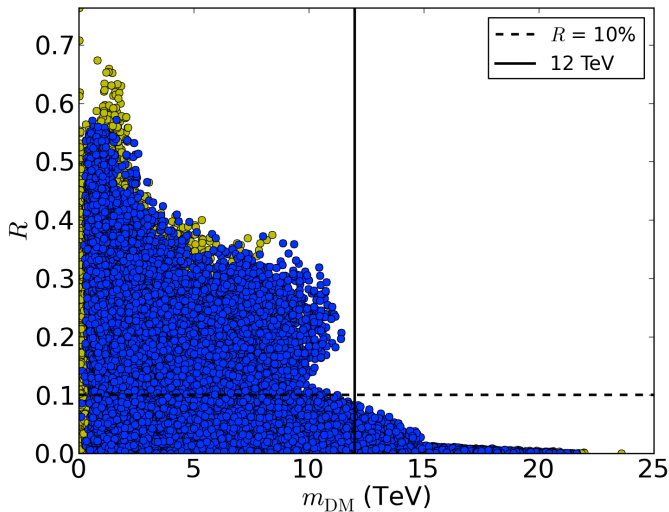
- ▶ Apply vacuum constraints
[Kanehata, Kobayashi, Konishi, Seto, Shimomura \[arXiv:1103.5109\]](#)
- ▶ Unitarity: allow for at most 40% loop corrections to tree-level amplitudes

$$|\text{Re}\mathcal{T}_{ij}| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

- ▶ Compute relic density using MicrOmegas and NMSSMTools

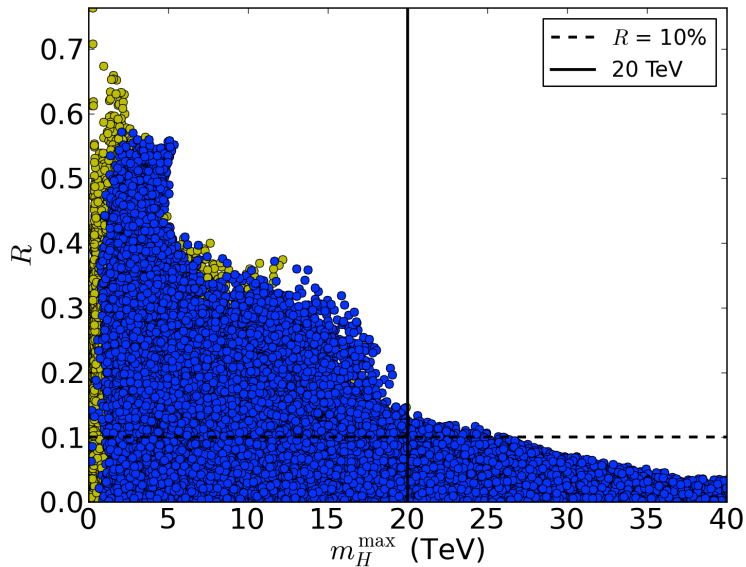
$$\Omega h^2 < 0.1199 + 0.0081 \text{ (Planck measurement)}$$

Results: Dark Matter



- Fine Tuning Factor $R = \min_i \frac{|2m_{\text{DM}} - m_{H_i}|}{m_{H_i}}$

Results: Higgs sector



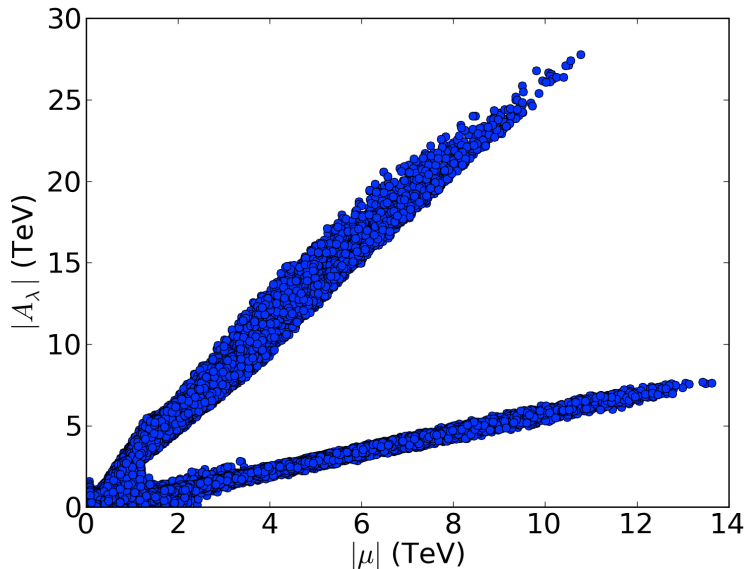
Summary

- ▶ Need to find new energy scales for future experiments
- ▶ Unitarity reliably indicates when new physics will appear
- ▶ Unitarity + Thermal Dark Matter hypothesis can give upper bounds on models of new physics
- ▶ 12 TeV bounds on DM mass in the NMSSM
- ▶ All masses are of order the Dark Matter mass or less
- ▶ New Higgs fields below 20 TeV

Backup

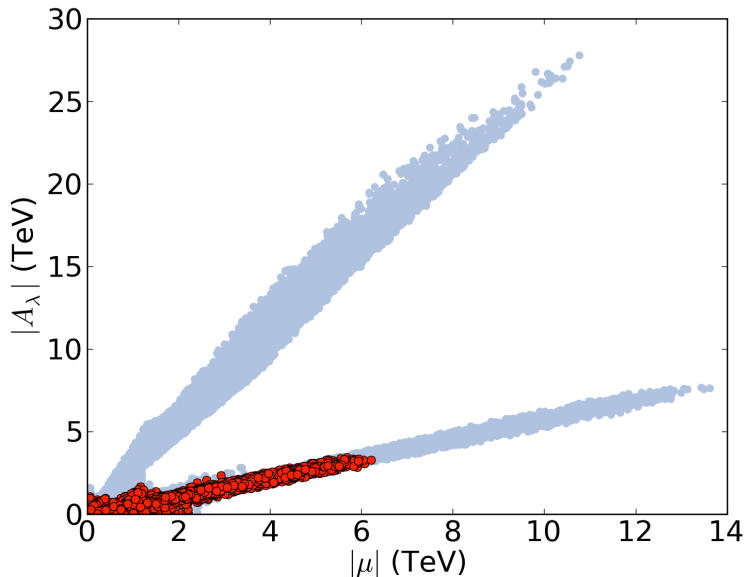
Ratios of SUSY Breaking Scales: tighter unitarity bounds

Outside Higgs funnel ($R > 10\%$)



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Vacuum constraints

- ▶ NMSSM has unrealistic vacua

Kanehata, Kobayashi, Konishi, Seto, Shimomura [arXiv:1103.5109]

- ▶ $|H_u| = |H_d| \neq 0, |S| \neq 0$
- ▶ $|H|_{u,d} = 0$ or $|S| = 0$
- ▶ Require that the EW breaking vacua is the deepest

$$\langle H_u^0 \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2}m_Z}{g} \sin \beta \quad \langle H_d^0 \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{2}m_Z}{g} \cos \beta \quad \langle S \rangle = \frac{\mu}{\lambda}$$

- ▶ Require no CP violation in the Higgs sector