

# A Bound on the Dark Scale

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# New Physics?

- **Basic Question:** What is next?
- Assuming thermal dark matter can we construct a unitarity argument to place a bound on when new physics must appear?
- **Central Question for Snowmass:**  
  
Is this scale/new physics obtainable for foreseeable searches? To what extent must existing/planned experiments probe (LHC, direct detection...)?

# Today

- Focus on **higgs portal dark matter** annihilation from a **hidden sector**\*.

Very briefly ...

1. Cover the **simplest** unitarity argument.
2. Place bounds on the “dark” higgs which mixes with the SM higgs.

\*See arXiv:1306:XXXX for more details and other scenarios.

# Previous Work

(for Unitarity + Dark Matter)

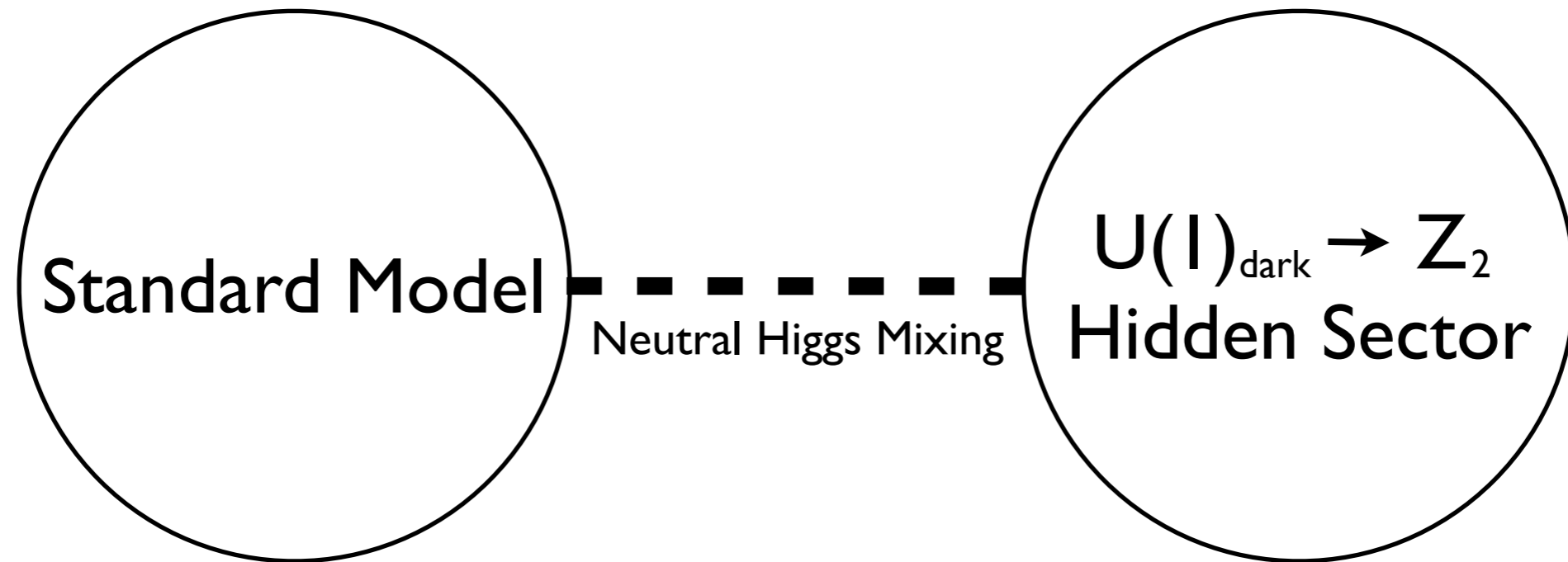
- Griest and Kamionkowski, PRL 64 (1990) 615.

Basic bounds on thermal dark matter mass from the annihilation cross section and relic abundance. Maximum mass of the dark matter must be less than  $\sim 120$  TeV.

- Shoemaker and Vecchi, PRD 86 (2012) 015023.

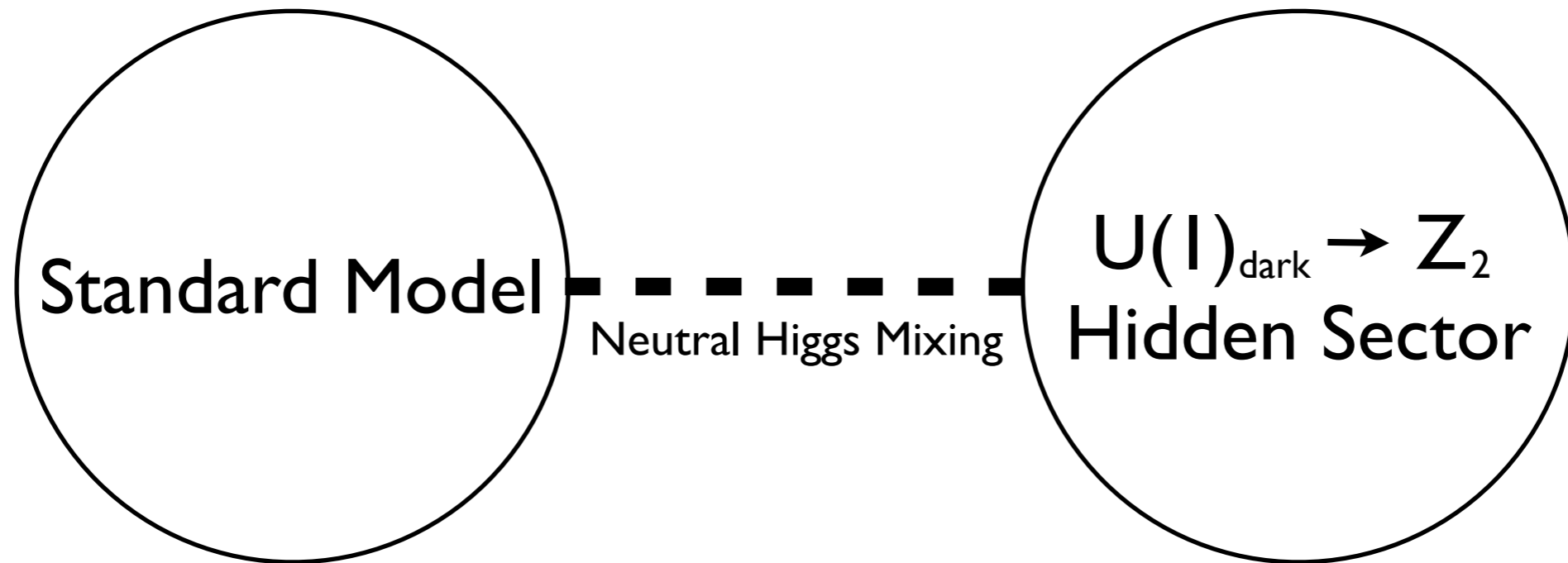
Focused on dark matter-quark and dark matter-gluon irrelevant operators. Use to constrain direct detection experiments and monojet searches.

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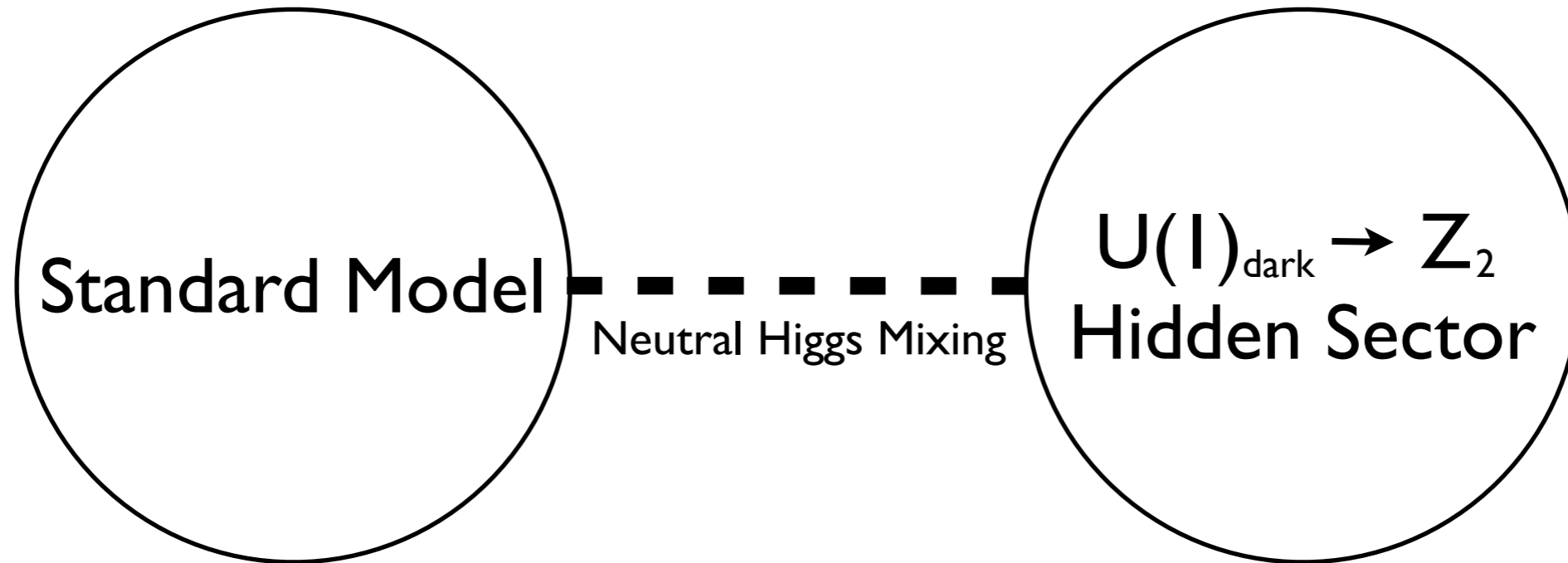
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Arrows point from the text in the diagram to the corresponding terms in the potential equation: a downward arrow from "Standard Model" to  $\lambda_1$ , a downward arrow from "Hidden Sector" to  $\lambda_2$ , and an upward arrow from "Neutral Higgs Mixing" to  $\lambda_3$ .

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_\chi \chi_L \chi_R \phi$$

An arrow points from the  $\lambda_\chi$  term in the Lagrangian to the text "Neutral Higgs Mixing" in the diagram above.

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Masses and mixing:

$$\begin{pmatrix} h' \\ \rho' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ \rho \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_h^2 = 2 \lambda_1 v^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\lambda_3^2}{4 \lambda_1 \lambda_2} + \dots \right)$$

$$m_{\rho}^2 = 2 \lambda_2 u^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda_3^2}{4 \lambda_2^2} \frac{v^2}{u^2} + \dots \right)$$

$$\cos \theta \sim 1 - \frac{\lambda_3^2 v^2}{8 \lambda_2^2 u^2}$$

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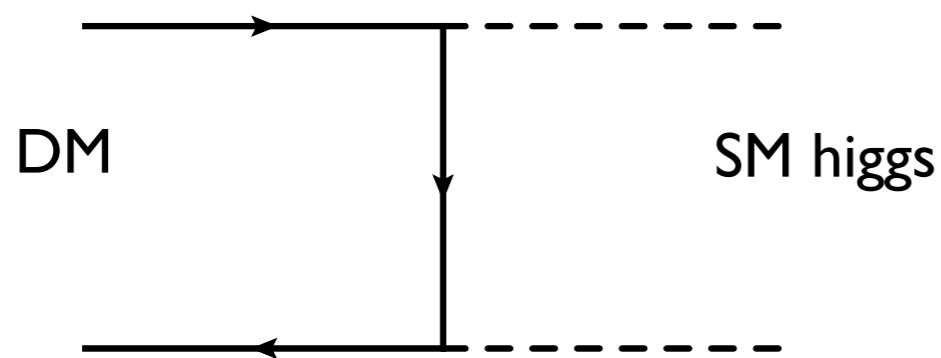
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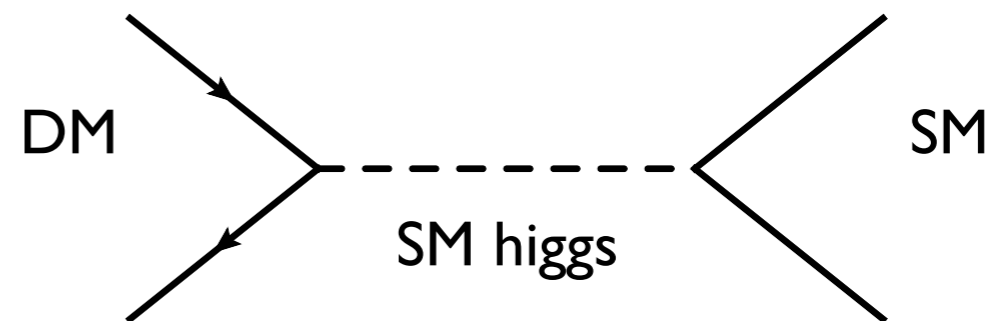
- Raise the dark higgs mass to be very large:  $\sin \theta \rightarrow 0$ .

# However ... the Relic Abundance

- Dark higgs' mass is large: The correct relic abundance prevents  $\sin \theta \rightarrow 0$ .



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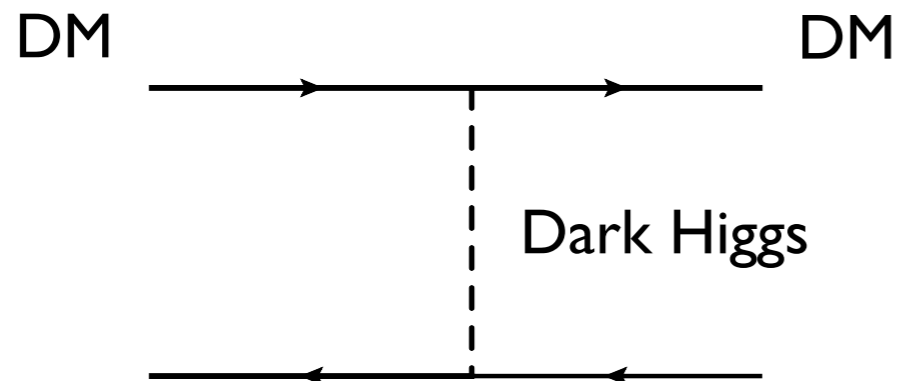
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- **Tension** between unitarity and the relic abundance produces dark higgs mass bound.

# Full Unitarity Considerations

- Dark matter - dark matter scattering

(similar to Furman, Hinchliffe and Chanowitz's unitarity bounds on heavy 4th generation fermions)



# Full Unitarity Considerations (Goldstone Boson Limit)

$$\left( W_L^+ W_L^-, \frac{Z_L Z_L}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{hh}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{\rho\rho}{\sqrt{2}}, h\rho, hZ_L, \rho Z_L \right)$$

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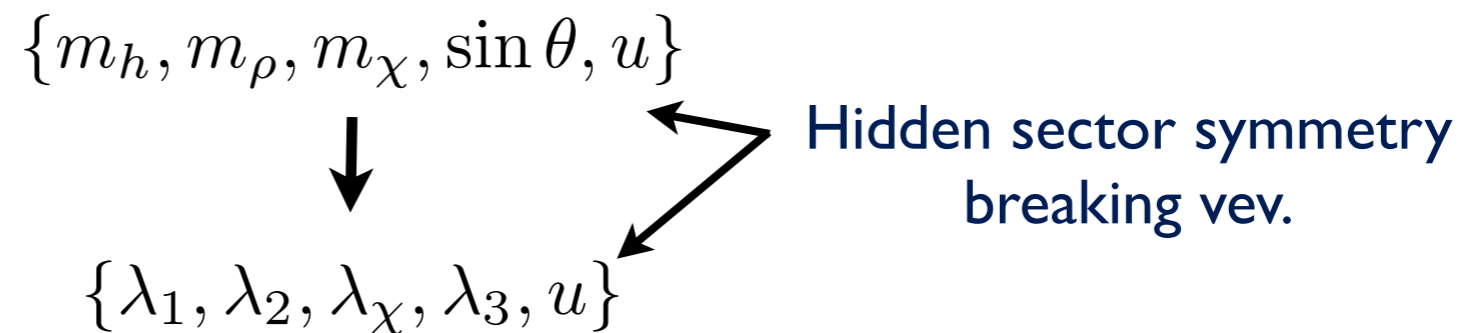
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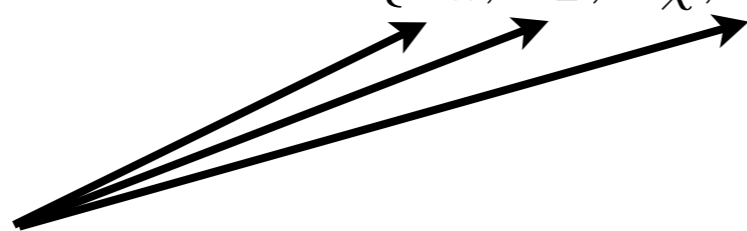
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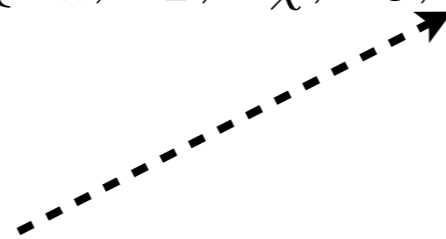
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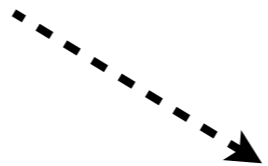
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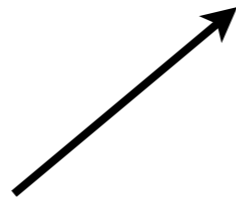
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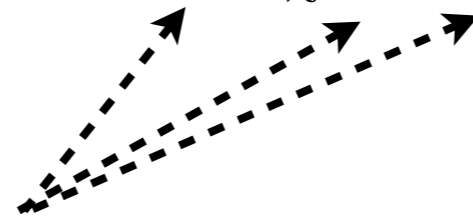
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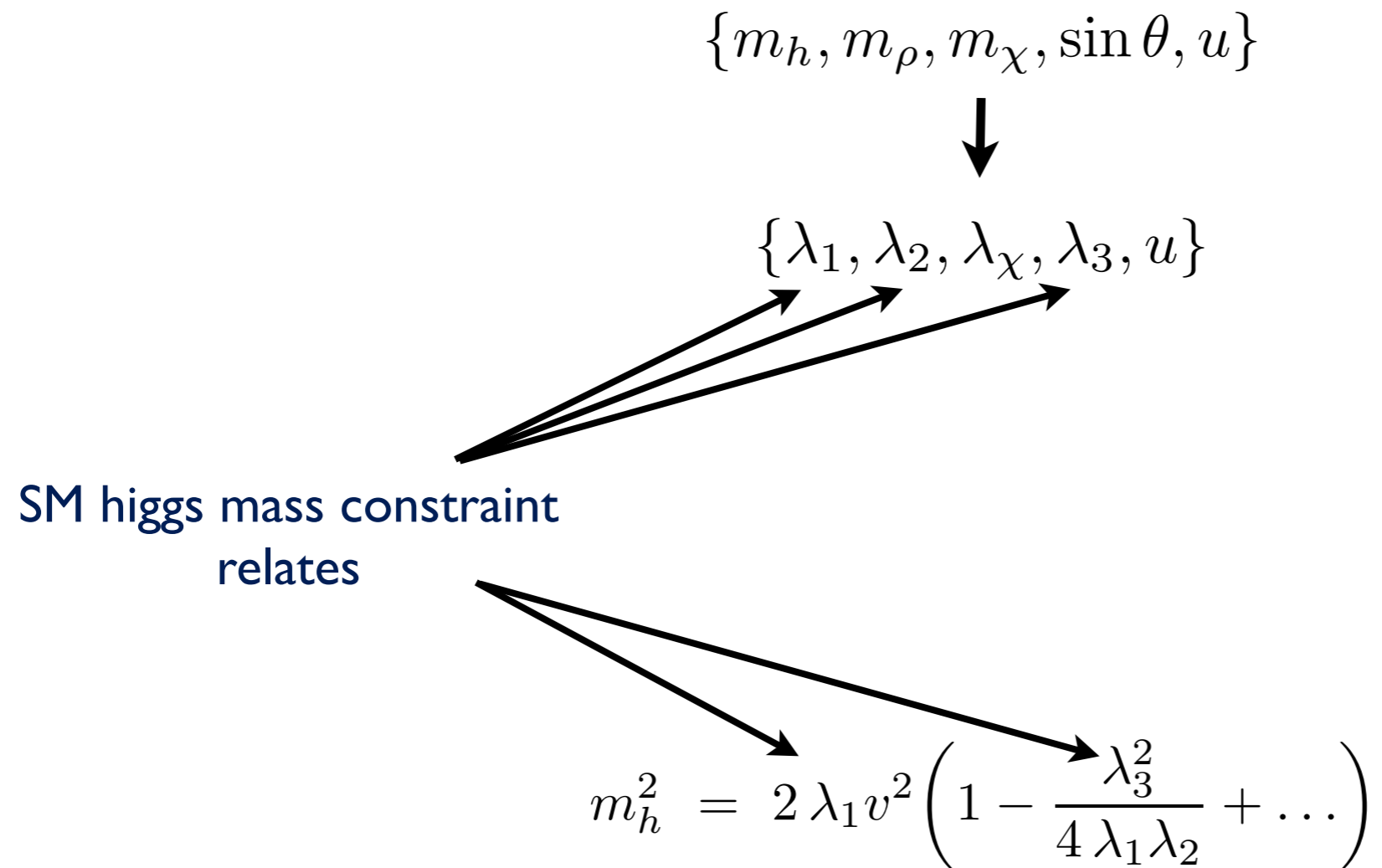


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Relic Abundance constrains these couplings  
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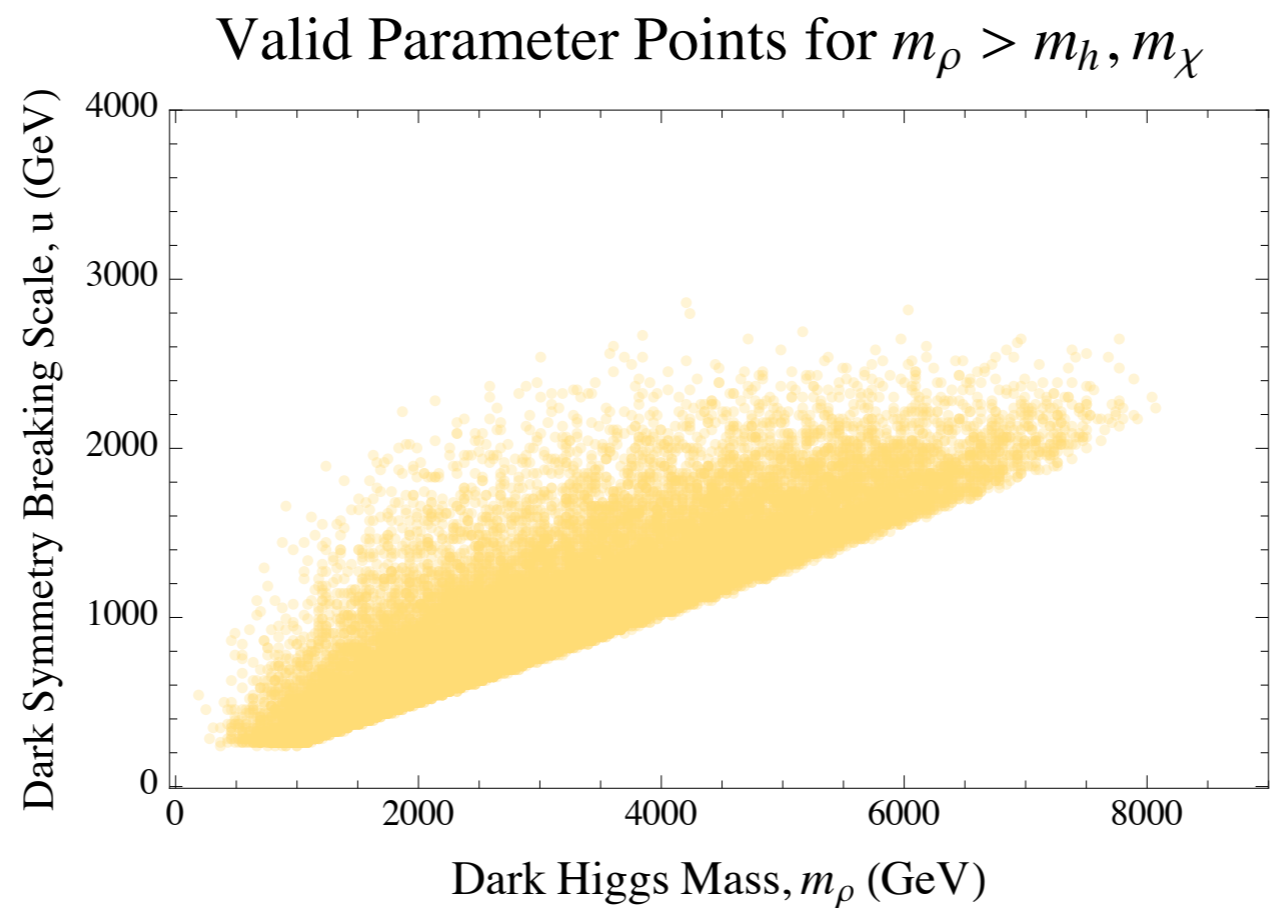


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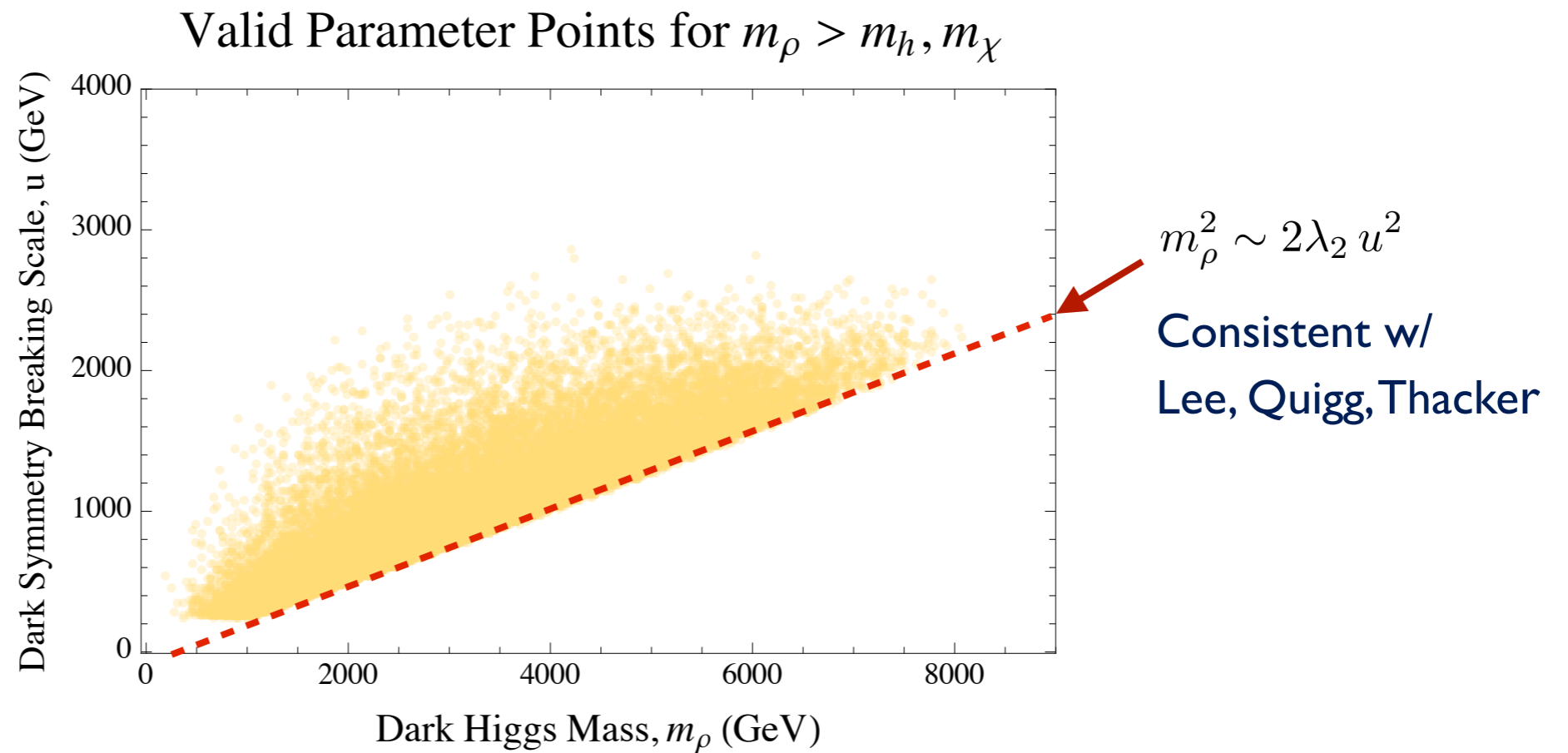
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1. Dark Matter must be cold.
2. SM Higgs Mixing Constraints @ 95% c.l.
3. Invisible Higgs Decay (when applicable) ...

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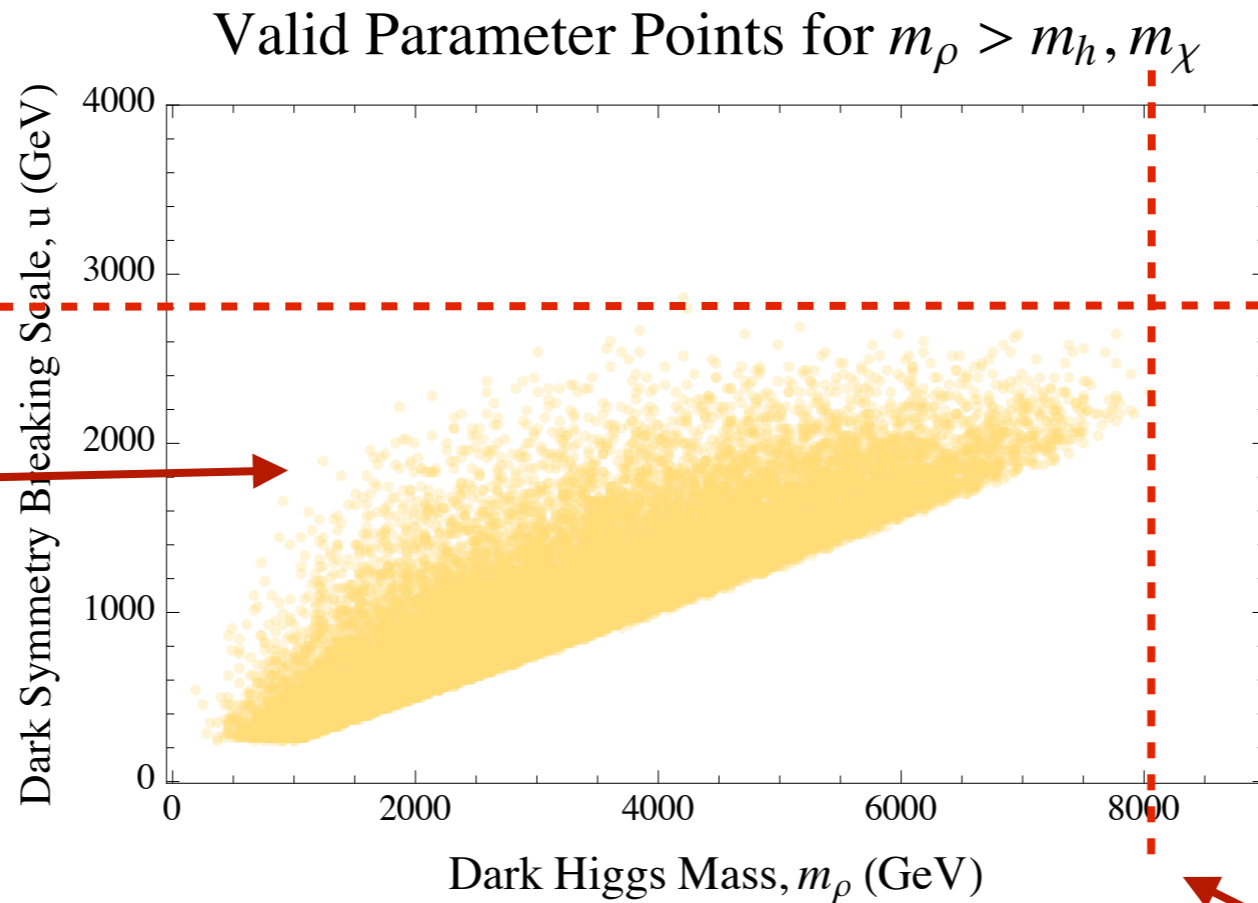
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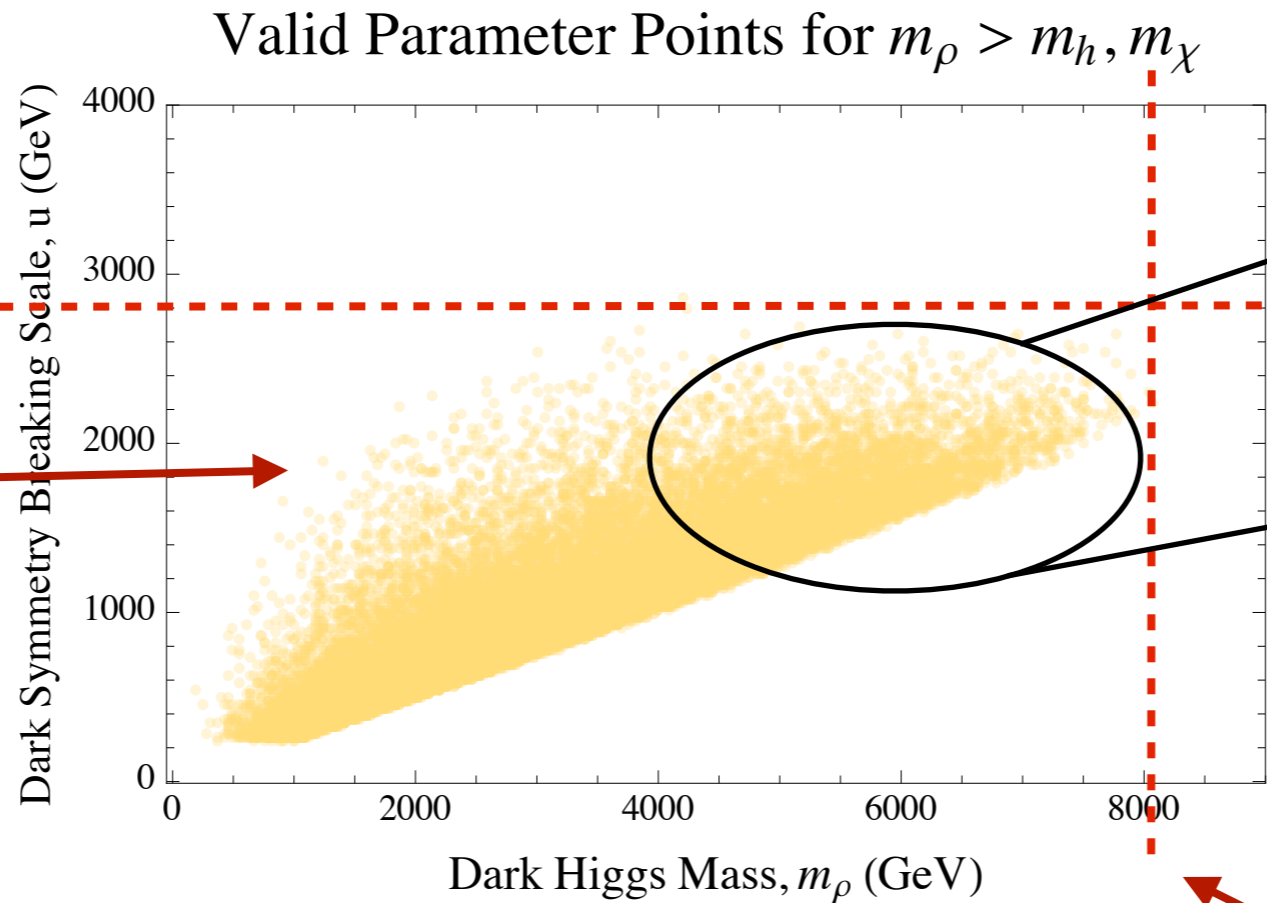


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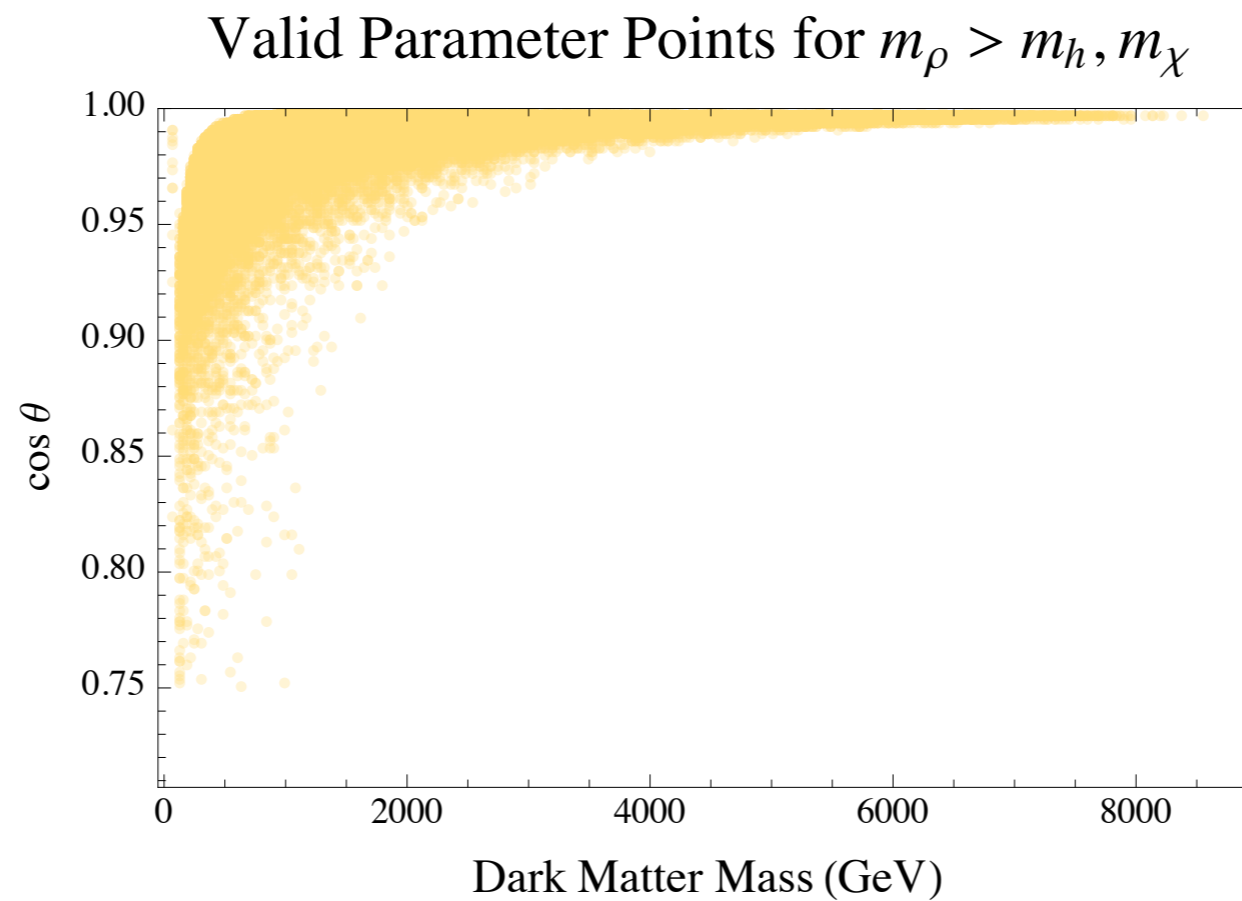


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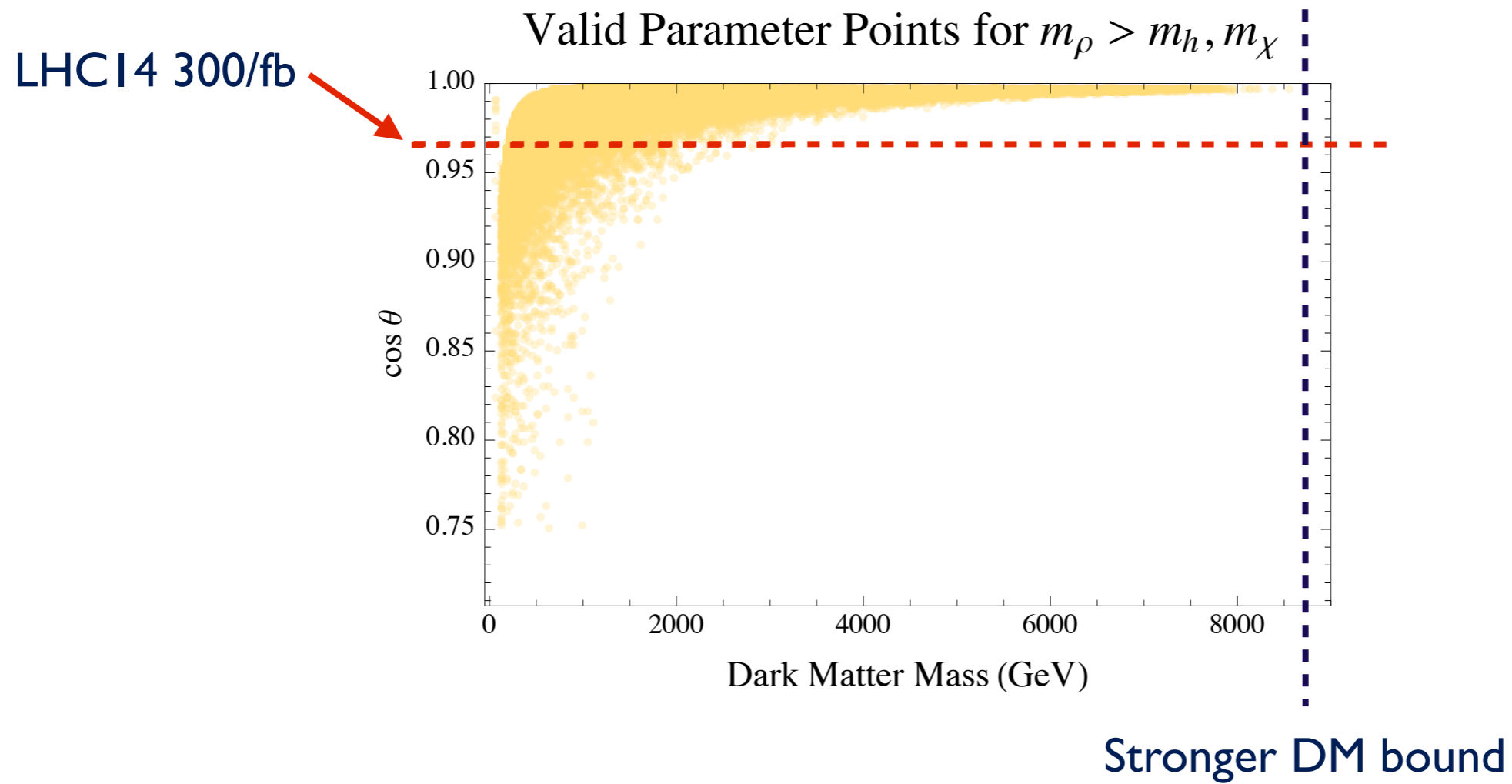
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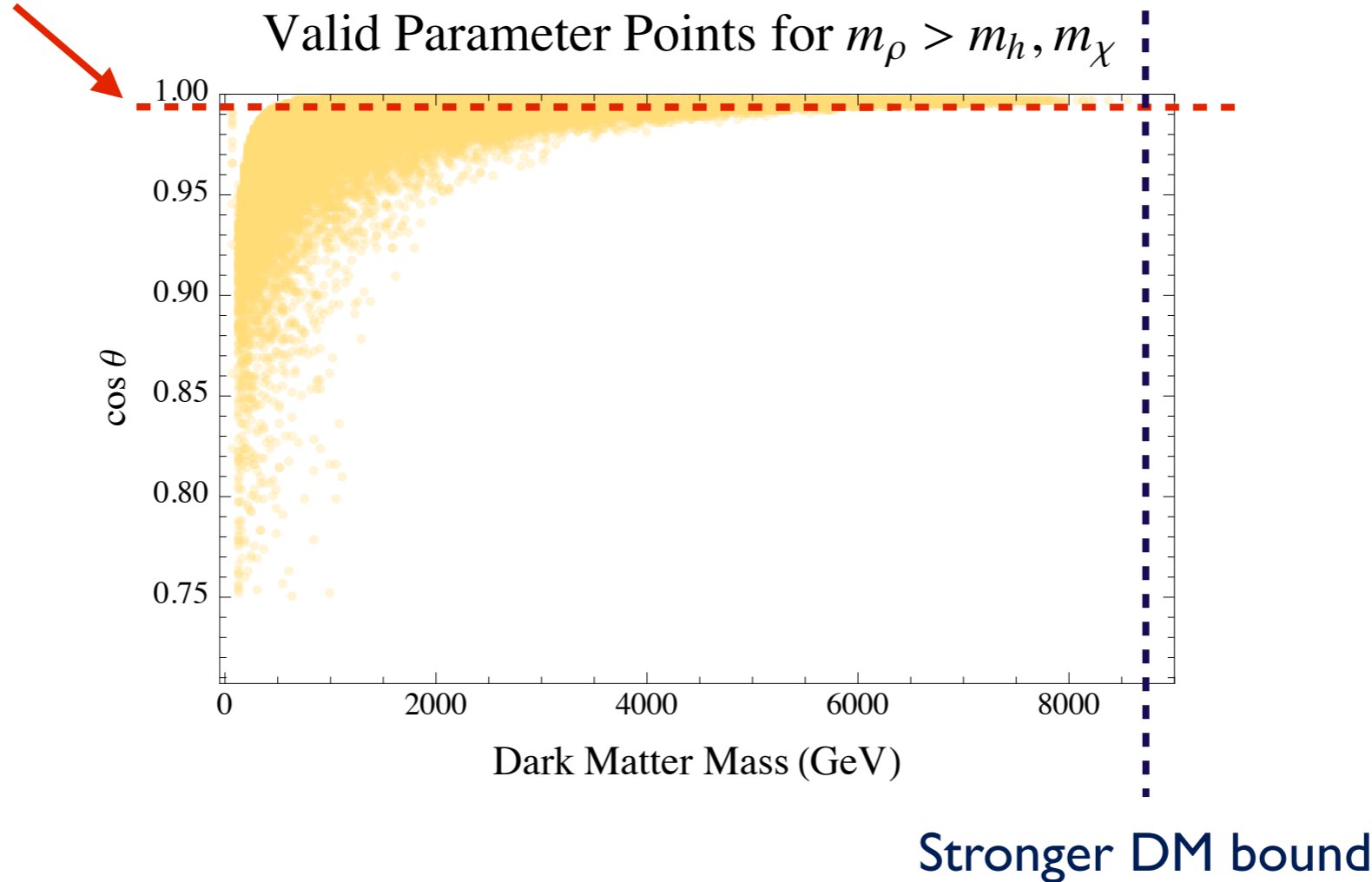


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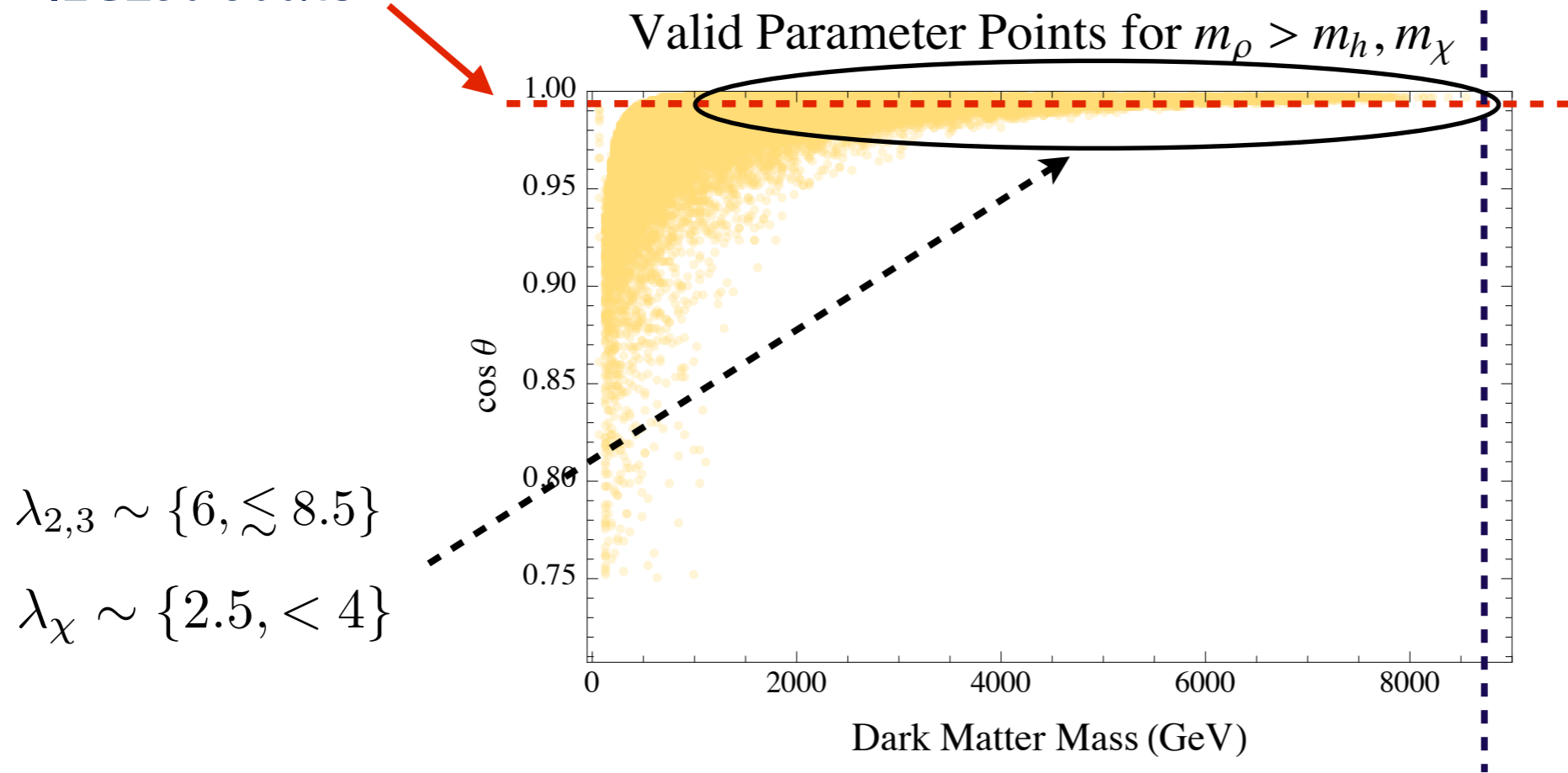
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Stronger DM bound

# Unitarity Bounds + Perturbativity?

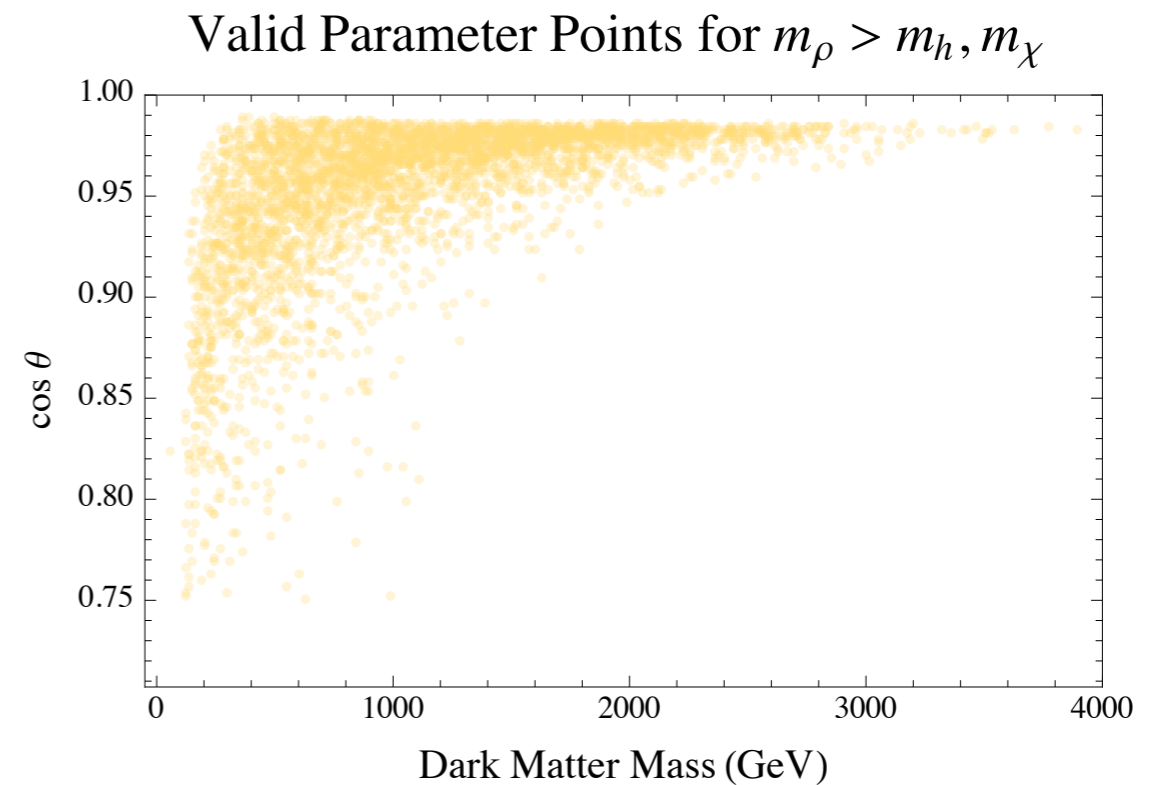
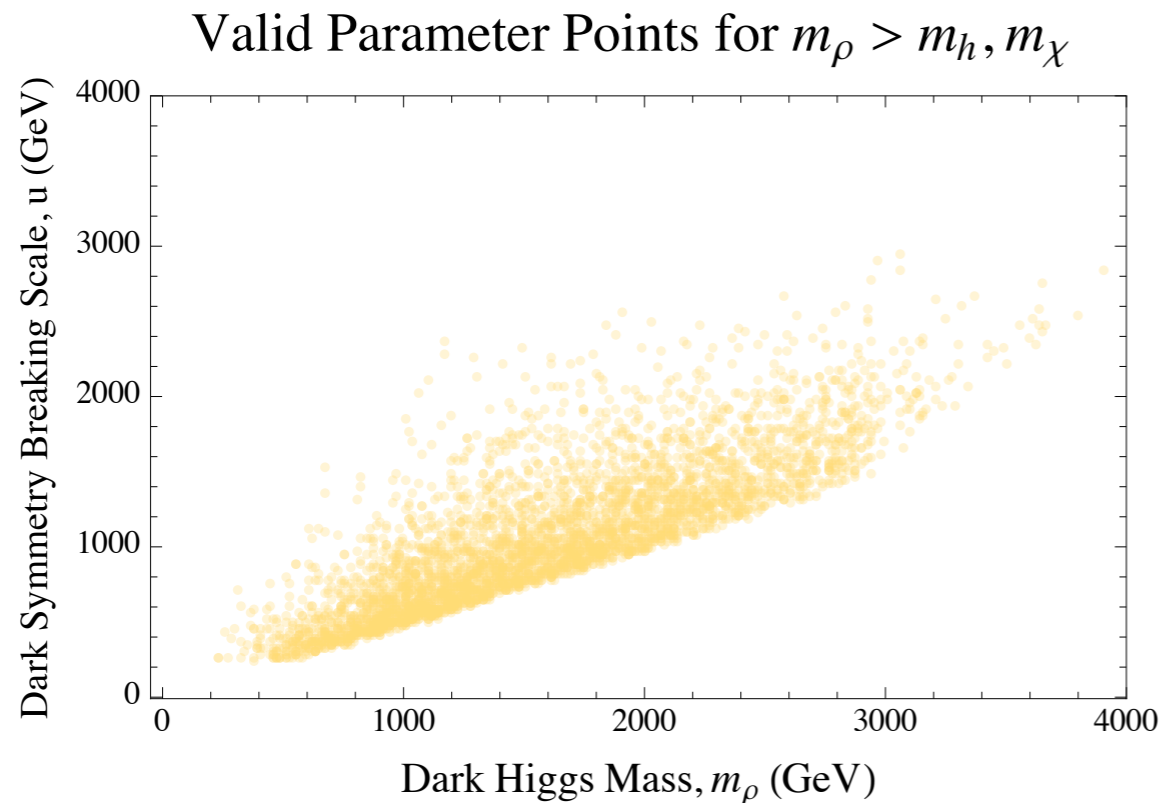
- Can we refine the parameter space?

**Today** consider requiring an absence of Landau poles up to 10 TeV.\*

Require a triviality bound for the points with a dominant dark yukawa coupling.

\*Applied 1-loop RGEs and modified the perturbativity arguments in Barbieri, Hall and Rychkov. Modifications were for this higgs portal scenario.

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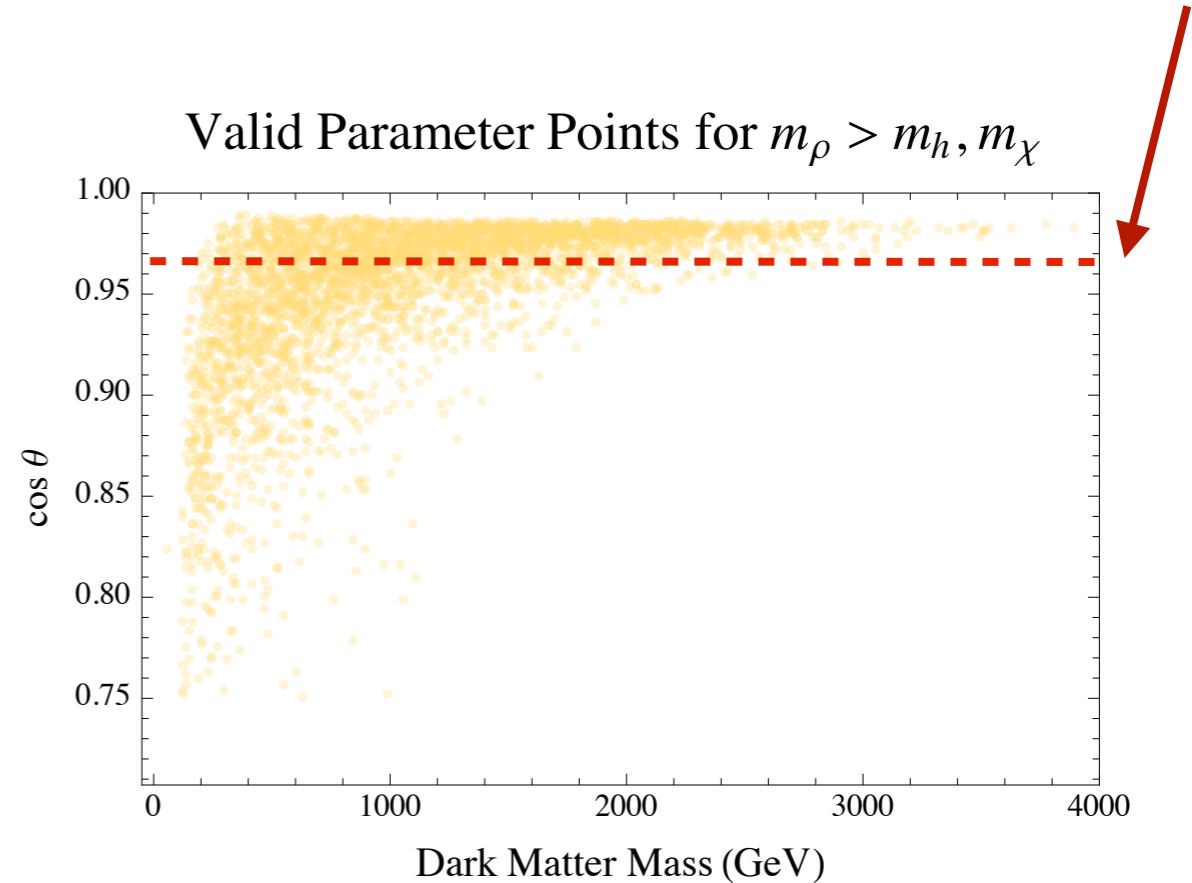
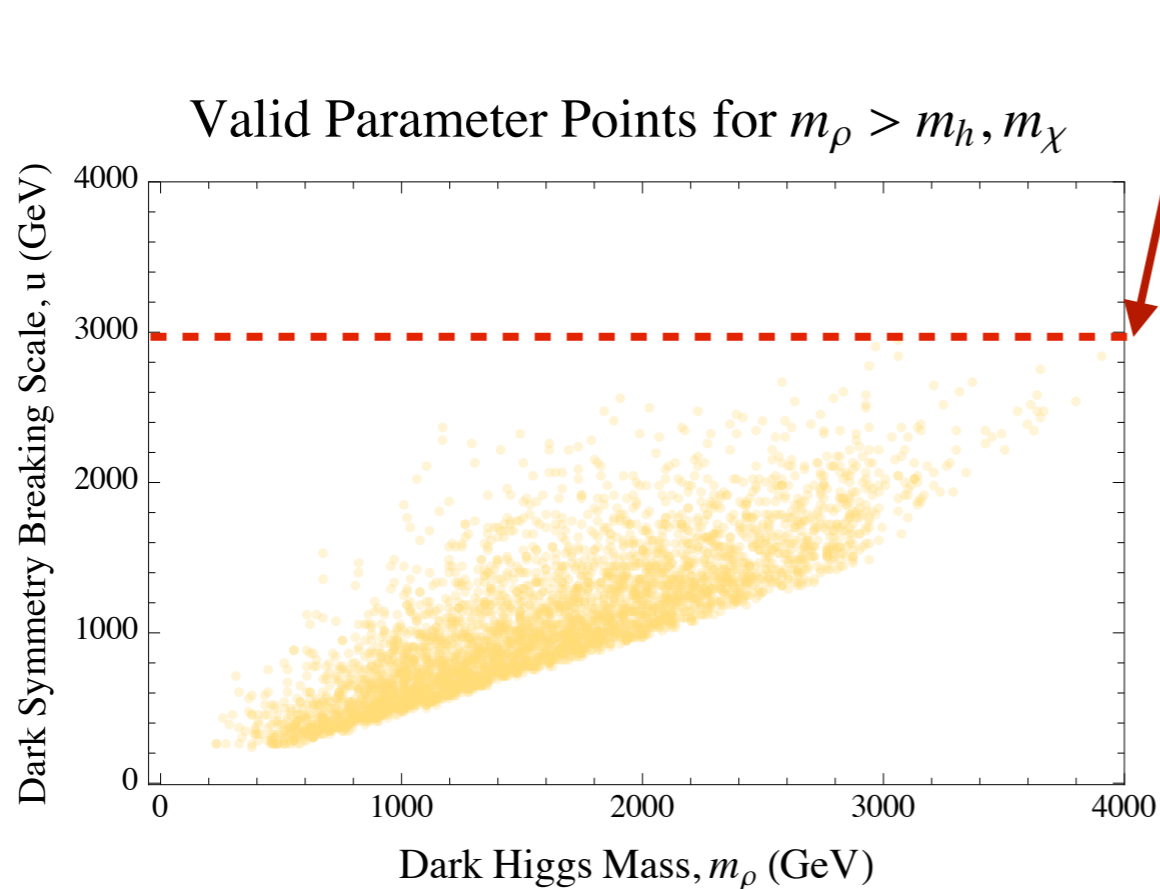


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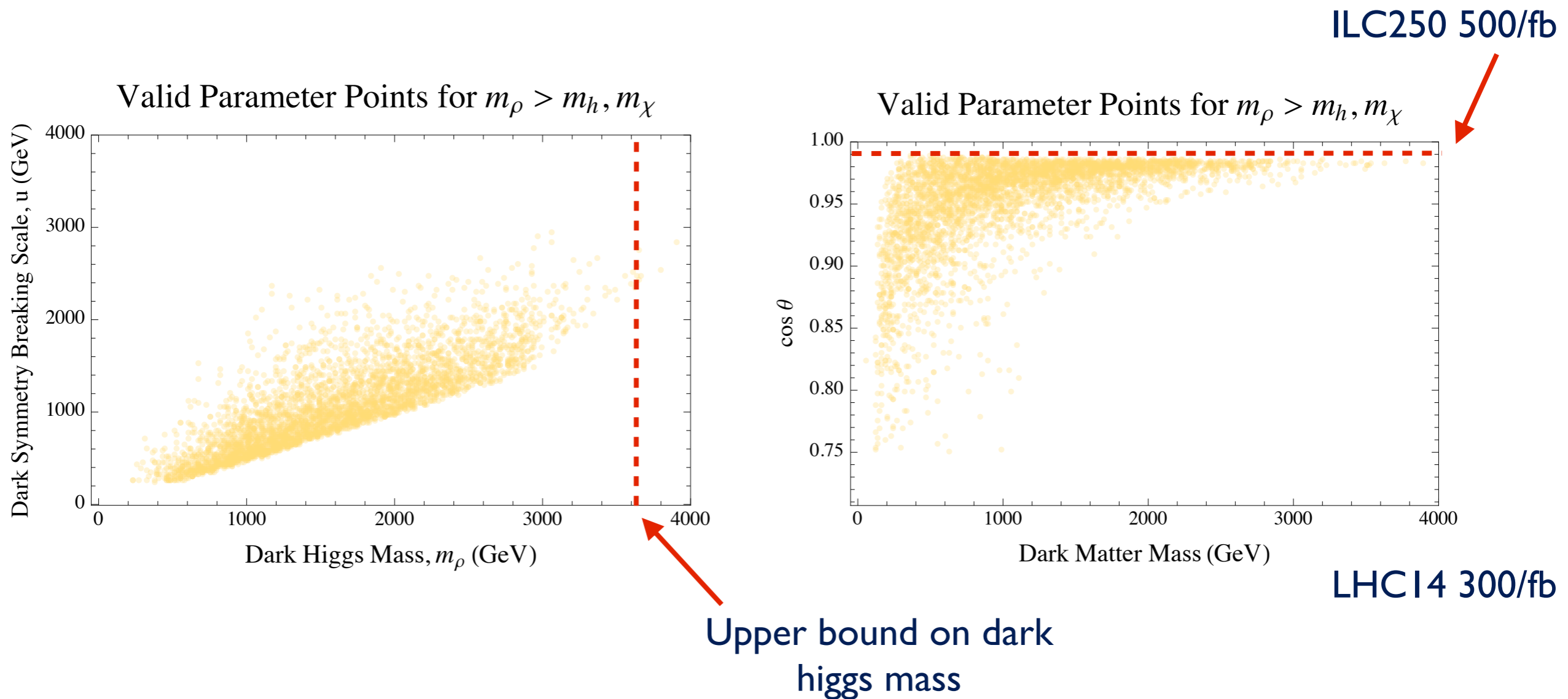
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# Takeaways...

- It **may** be possible for new physics to be “around the corner” for (well motivated) thermal dark matter + mediators.

- **Questions for the Snowmass Contribution:**

Connection between new scale/new physics obtainable for foreseeable searches? To what extent must existing/planned experiments probe (LHC, direct detection...)?

**Thank you!**

# A Perspective

- **Today:** Focus on higgs portal dark matter annihilation from a hidden sector.

Many reasons for mediators:

1. Direct detection largely rules out Z boson dark matter/nucleon scattering (heavy neutrino).
2. Precision electroweak gives strong constraints on dark matter that obtains mass solely from EWWSB.\*
3. Implies new **mediator particles** and a **new physics scale** associated with the dark matter mass.

and more ...

\*E.g., Cotta, Hewett, Tait and DW, to appear.



# Previous Work

(for Unitarity + Dark Matter)

- Cynolter, Lendvai and Pocsik, *Acta Phys. Polon.* B36 827

Constrains scalar dark matter-higgs couplings. No bound on dark matter mass.