

# Resonances and unitarity in composite Higgs models

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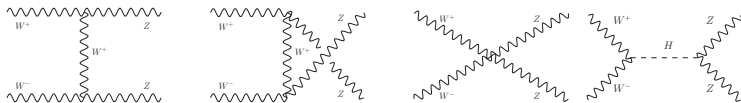
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We know that in the SM the Higgs boson **unitarizes**  $W_L W_L$  scattering. Consider e.g.  $W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow Z_L Z_L$



If any of these couplings are different from SM values, the careful balance necessary for perturbative unitarity is lost.

The first 3 diagrams are fixed by gauge invariance, but we can contemplate other Higgs-gauge boson couplings in the last one. For  $s \gg M_W^2$  the amplitude in the SM goes as

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# Parametrizing composite Higgs physics

A light “Higgs boson” with mass  $M_H \sim 125$  GeV is coupled to the EW bosons according to (non-linear realization)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset -\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}W_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\text{Tr}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} + \sum_i \mathcal{L}_i$$
$$+ \left[ 1 + 2a \left( \frac{h}{v} \right) + b \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 \right] \frac{v^2}{4} \text{Tr} D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U - V(h)$$

$$U = \exp(i \omega \cdot \tau / v)$$

$$D_\mu U = \partial_\mu U + \frac{1}{2} ig W_\mu^i \tau^i U - \frac{1}{2} ig' B_\mu^i U \tau^3$$

and additional gauge-invariant operators are encoded in  $\mathcal{L}_i$ .

Setting  $a = b = 1$  (and  $\mathcal{L}_i = 0$ ) reproduces the **SM interactions**

# $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ operators

The  $\mathcal{L}_i$  are a full set of  $C$ ,  $P$ , and  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge invariant,  $d = 4$  operators that parameterize the *low-energy effects* of the *model-dependent high-energy EWSB sector* along with  $a, b$ . The two relevant *custodial-symmetry preserving* operators are

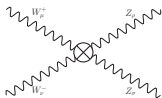
$$\mathcal{L}_4 = a_4 (\text{Tr} [V_\mu V_\nu])^2 \quad \mathcal{L}_5 = a_5 (\text{Tr} [V_\mu V^\mu])^2 \quad V_\mu = (D_\mu U) U^\dagger$$

The  $a_i$  could be *functions of  $\frac{\hbar}{v}$*

- For example: *Heavy Higgs* *QCD-like technicolor*

$$\begin{array}{lcl} a_4 = & 0 & -2a_5 \\ a_5 = & \frac{v^2}{8M_H^2} & \frac{N_{TC}}{96\pi^2} \end{array}$$

(up to logarithmic corrections)



$$ig^4 [a_4 (g^{\mu\sigma} g^{\nu\rho} + g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma}) + 2a_5 g^{\mu\nu} g^{\rho\sigma}]$$



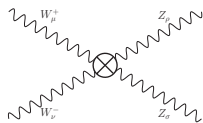
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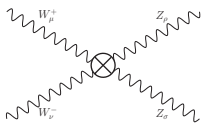
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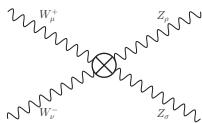
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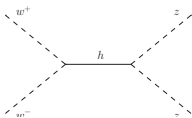
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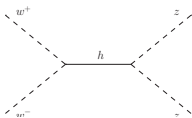


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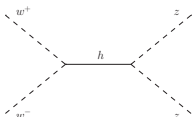
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# Inverse Amplitude method

Partial wave unitarity **requires**

$$\text{Im } t_{IJ}(s) = \underbrace{\sigma(s)|t_{IJ}(s)|^2}_{\substack{\text{Elastic} \\ WW \rightarrow WW}} + \underbrace{\sigma_H(s)|t_{H,IJ}(s)|^2}_{\substack{\text{Inelastic} \\ WW \rightarrow hh}}$$

where  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma_H$  are phase space factors.

Given a perturbative expansion

$$t_{IJ} \approx \underbrace{t_{IJ}^{(2)}}_{\text{tree}} + \underbrace{t_{IJ}^{(4)}}_{\substack{\text{one-loop} \\ + a_i \text{ terms}}} + \dots$$

we can require unitarity to hold *exactly* by defining (*Note: non-coupled channels*)

$$t_{IJ} \approx \frac{t_{IJ}^{(2)}}{1 - t_{IJ}^{(4)}/t_{IJ}^{(2)}}$$

Several mild analyticity assumptions are implied.

The **unitarization** of the amplitudes may result in the appearance of **new heavy resonances** associated with the high-energy theory

$t_{00}$  → Scalar isoscalar

$t_{11}$  → Vector isovector

$t_{20}$  → Scalar isotensor

Will search for poles in  $t_{IJ}(s)$  up to  $(4\pi v) \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$  (domain of applicability)

**True** resonances will have the phase shift pass through  $+\pi/2$

$$\delta_{IJ} = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{Im } t_{IJ}}{\text{Re } t_{IJ}} \right)$$

This method is known to work remarkably well in strong interactions:  $\pi\pi$  scattering  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  meson masses and widths

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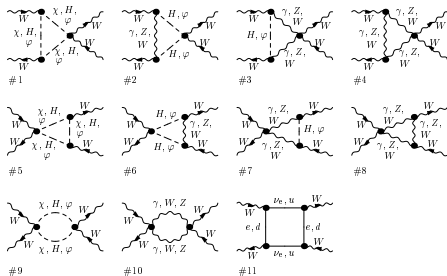
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Real problem: one-loop calculation *extremely difficult*



+

*more than  
1000 other  
diagrams!*

Denner & Hahn (1998) [hep-ph/9711302]



We can take a shortcut:

$$t_{IJ}^{(4)} = \text{Re } t_{IJ}^{(4)} + i\text{Im } t_{IJ}^{(4)}$$

The **Optical Theorem** implies the *perturbative* relation

$$\text{Im } t_{IJ}^{(4)}(s) = \underbrace{\sigma(s)}_{\text{one-loop}} |t_{IJ}^{(2)}(s)|^2 + \underbrace{\sigma_H(s)}_{\text{tree}} |t_{H,IJ}^{(2)}(s)|^2$$

For *real part*, note that

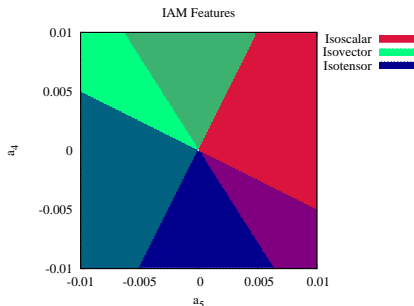
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } t_{IJ}^{(4)} &= a_i\text{-dependent terms} + \text{real part of loop calculation} \\ &\approx a_i\text{-dependent terms} \\ &\quad (\text{for large } s, a_i) \end{aligned}$$

We approximate *real part of loop contribution* with **one-loop Goldstone boson amplitudes** using the **Equivalence Theorem**

# Are there resonances?

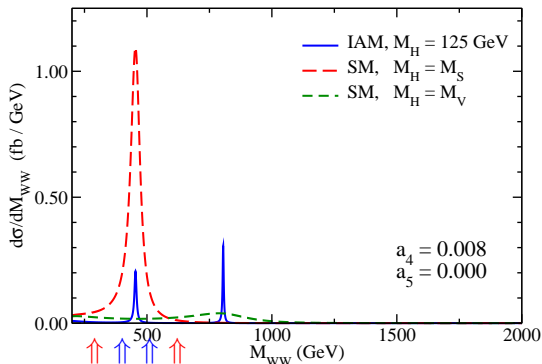
Must search for poles in the second Riemann sheet — the phase shift must go through  $+\pi/2$  at the resonance.

Are there any *physically acceptable* resonances?



The blue-shaded area leads to *acausal resonances*. These values for  $a_4$  and  $a_5$  are *unphysical* — they cannot be realized in any effective theory with a meaningful UV completion.

# Are these resonances detectable?

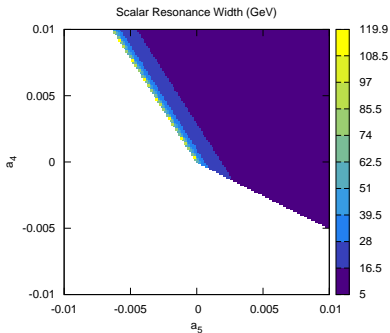
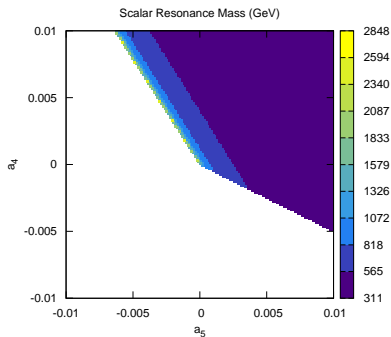


Signal of IAM scalar/vector vs. SM Higgs of *same mass*

The large contribution that the SM Higgs represents leaves little room for additional resonances. They *could still be there*, but would give a small signal.

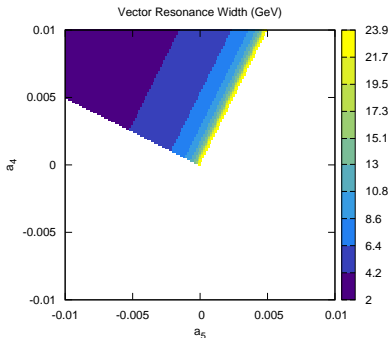
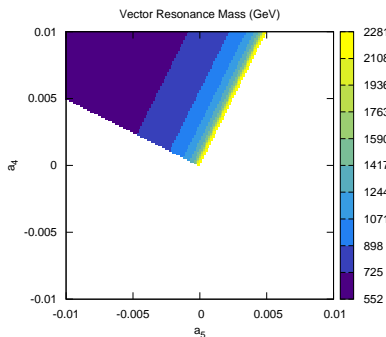
Note: only in  $WW \rightarrow WW$  or  $WW \rightarrow ZZ$  channels!

# Scalar properties



- $M_S \sim 300 - 3000$  GeV
- $\Gamma_S \sim 5 - 120$  GeV

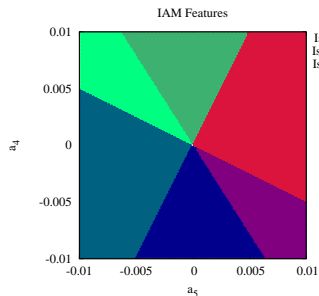
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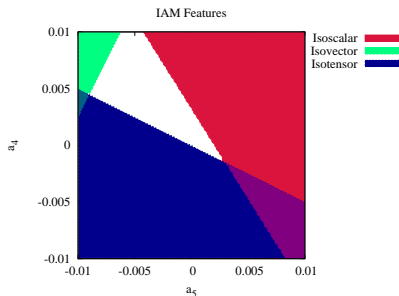
- $M_V \sim 550 - 2300$  GeV
- $\Gamma_V \sim 2 - 24$  GeV

# Bounds on the anomalous QGC $a_4$ and $a_5$

Allowed regions for the anomalous couplings  $a_j$  (in white) if no resonance is found below ...



< 3 TeV



< 600 GeV

# What if the $hWW$ couplings are not exactly the SM ones?

Nothing prevents us from carrying out the same programme

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & -\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}W_{\mu\nu}W^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\text{Tr}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} + \sum_i \mathcal{L}_i + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GF}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{FP}} \\ & + \left[1 + 2a \left(\frac{h}{v}\right) + b\left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^2\right] \frac{v^2}{4}\text{Tr}D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu h)^2 - \frac{1}{2}M_H^2 h^2 \\ & - d_3(\lambda v)h^3 - d_4\frac{1}{4}h^4\end{aligned}$$

This *effective theory* is *non-renormalizable* and the  $a_i$  will be required to absorb the divergences

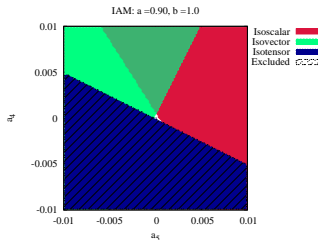
$$\delta a_4 = \Delta_\epsilon \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{-1}{12} (1 - a^2)^2$$

$$\delta a_5 = \Delta_\epsilon \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{-1}{24} \left[ (1 - a^2)^2 + \frac{3}{2} ((1 - a^2) - (1 - b))^2 \right]$$

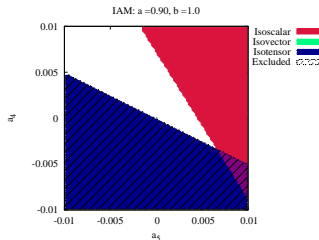
We have set  $d_3 = d_4 = 1$  for simplicity.

# Looking for resonances when $a \neq 1$

Exclusion zones and bounds on  $a_i$  for  $a = 0.9$  ( $b = a^2$ )



No resonances  $< 3$  TeV



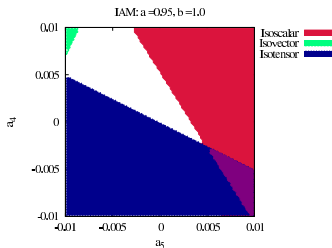
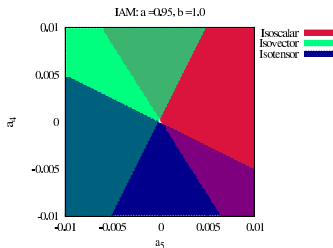
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The allowed regions for the anomalous couplings are slightly larger.



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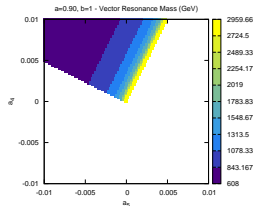
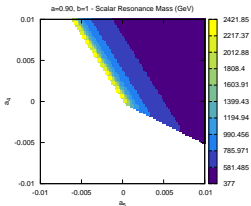


No resonances

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The characteristics of the resonances tend smoothly to the  $a = 1$  case ( $hWW$  coupling as in the SM).

# Masses of scalar and vector resonances for $a = 0.9$



Resonances tend to be slightly heavier and broader than for  $a = 1$

The parameter  $b$  is only marginally visible in the widths.

There are constraints on vector masses from  $S, T, U$  parameter constraints in some models. *e.g. Pich, Rosell, Sanz-Cillero, 2013.*

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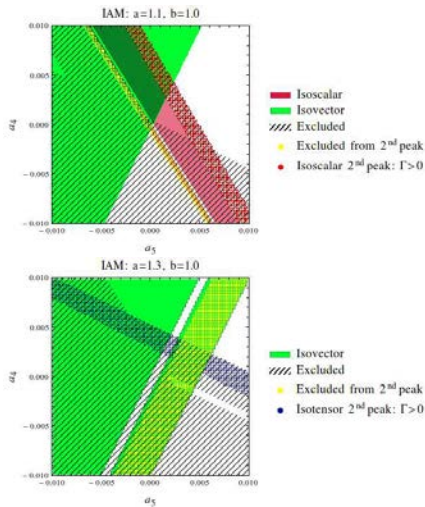
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'Something' happens when  $a > 1$ ... (Falkowski, Rychkov, Urbano [2012]; Espriu, Mescia [2014]; Bellazzini, Martucci, Torre [2014])

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# Using form factors (in preparation)

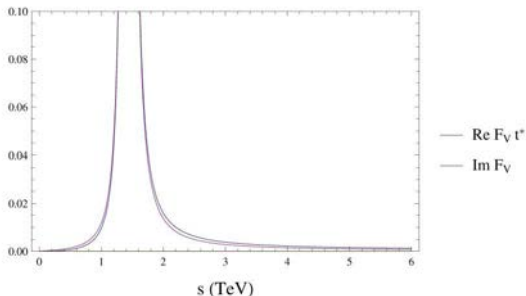
$$\langle 0 | V_\mu | \omega(q) \omega(q') \rangle = iF_V^+(q + q')_\mu + iF_V^-(q - q')_\mu$$

Unitarity implies

$$\text{Im} F_V = F_V t^* \quad t = A(\omega\omega \rightarrow \omega\omega) \quad K_V \equiv (s - M_V)^2 F_V$$

Then

$$t = iK_V \frac{1}{s - M_V^2} iK_V = \frac{t^{(2)}}{1 - t^{(4)}/t^{(2)}}$$



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- Resonances can be included in MC generators using unitarized form factors: stay tuned!

*THANK YOU!*

# Back-up slides

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{QGC} = & e^2 \left[ g_1^{\gamma\gamma} A^\mu A^\nu W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - g_2^{\gamma\gamma} A^\mu A_\mu W^{-\nu} W_\nu^+ \right] \\
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 & + \frac{e^2}{2s_w^2} \left[ g_1^{WW} W^{-\mu} W^{+\nu} W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ - g_2^{WW} \left( W^{-\mu} W_\mu^+ \right)^2 \right] + \frac{e^2}{4s_w^2 c_w^4} h^{ZZ} (Z^\mu Z_\mu)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

SM values:  $g_1^{\gamma,Z} = \kappa^{\gamma,Z} = 1$ ,  $\lambda^{\gamma,Z} = 0$  and  $\delta_Z = \frac{\beta_1 + g'^2 \alpha_1}{c_w^2 - s_w^2}$ ,  $g_{1/2}^{VV'} = 1$ ,  $h^{ZZ} = 0$

$$\Delta g_1^\gamma = 0$$

$$\Delta \kappa^\gamma = g^2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) + g^2 \alpha_3 + g^2(\alpha_9 - \alpha_8)$$

$$\Delta g_1^Z = \delta_Z + \frac{g^2}{c_w^2} \alpha_3$$

$$\Delta \kappa^Z = \delta_Z - g'^2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) + g^2 \alpha_3 + g^2(\alpha_9 - \alpha_8)$$

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$$\Delta g_2^{ZZ} = 2\Delta g_1^{\gamma Z} - \frac{g^2}{c_w^4}(\alpha_5 + \alpha_7)$$

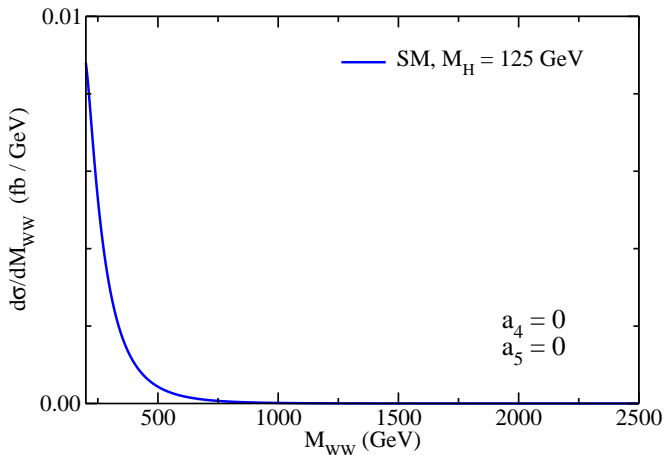
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$$h^{ZZ} = g^2[\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + 2(\alpha_6 + \alpha_7 + \alpha_{10})]$$

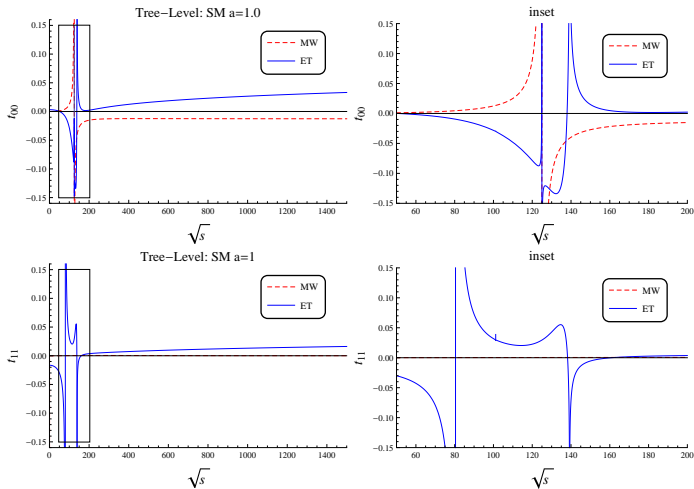


For SM ( $a_4 = a_5 = 0$ ) there are *no additional resonances*.



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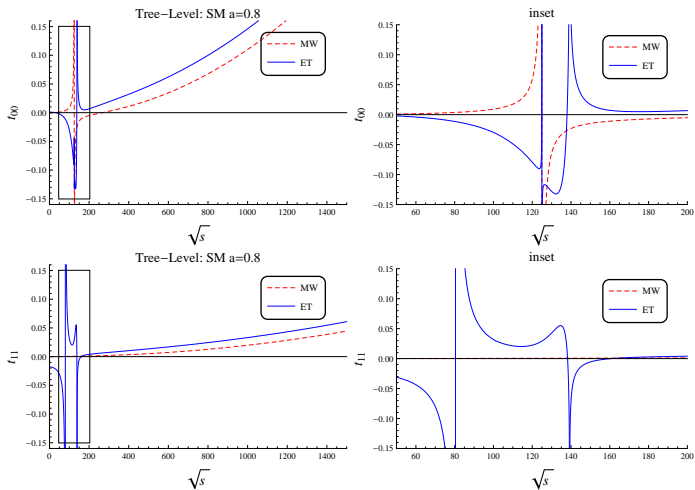


Figure : Tree-level amplitudes for  $a = 0.8$

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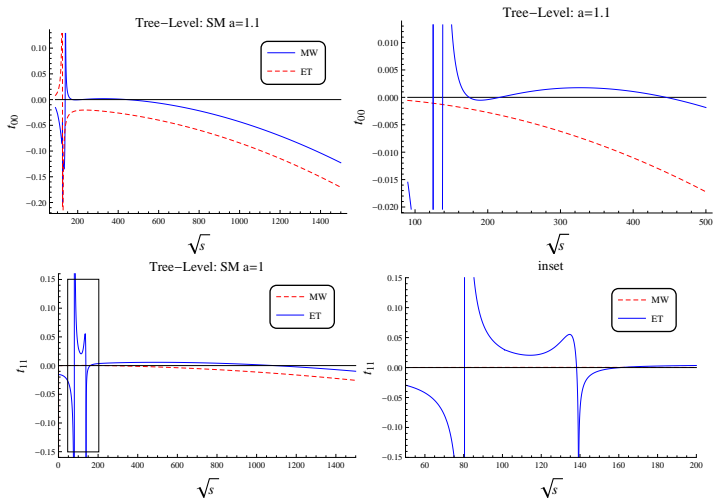
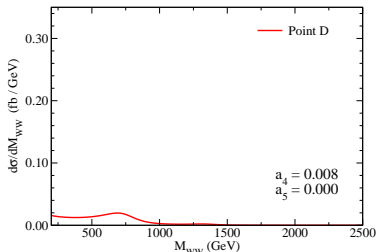
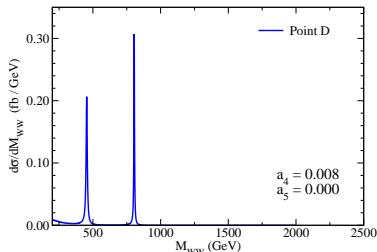


Figure : Tree-level amplitudes for  $a = 1.1$

# Comparison Higgsless/Higgs with $M_H = 125$ GeV



No light Higgs



With light Higgs

Here  $\sqrt{s} = 8$  TeV

Compare before/after for same point (ex: Point D  $a_4 = 0.008$ ,  $a_5 = 0.000$ )

- Different continuum
- Masses have changed positions
- Widths are *much narrower*

# Are these resonances detectable?

We can estimate how observable these signals are by comparing to a heavy SM Higgs of the same mass  $\rightarrow$  [look at LHC Higgs search data](#)

For a resonance of mass  $M_R$  and width  $\Gamma_R$ , let

$$\sigma^{peak} \equiv \int_{M_R-2\Gamma_R}^{M_R+2\Gamma_R} \left[ dM_{WW} \times \frac{d\sigma}{dM_{WW}} \right]$$
$$\sigma_{SM}^{peak} \equiv \int_{M_H-2\Gamma_H}^{M_H+2\Gamma_H} \left[ dM_{WW} \times \frac{d\sigma_{SM}}{dM_{WW}} \right]$$

Then for a heavy Higgs with  $M_H \rightarrow M_R$  and  $\Gamma_H(M_H \rightarrow M_R)$

$$R \equiv \left( \frac{\sigma^{peak}}{\sigma_{SM}^{peak}} \right)$$

compares the strength of the resonance regions of the same mass.

# What if the $hWW$ couplings are not exactly the SM ones?

For  $a = b = 1$  these results reproduce the SM prediction, i.e. no counterterms (renormalizable theory)

$$\delta a_4 = 0, \quad \delta a_5 = 0$$

For  $a = b = 0$  one gets the 'no Higgs' results (EChL)

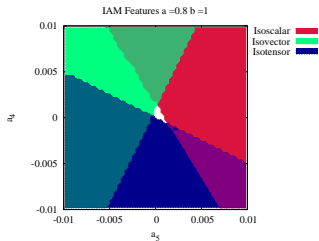
$$\delta a_4 = \Delta_\epsilon \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{-1}{12}, \quad \delta a_5 = \Delta_\epsilon \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{-1}{24}$$

They should bring 'natural' finite contributions from NP:

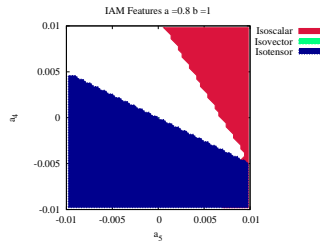
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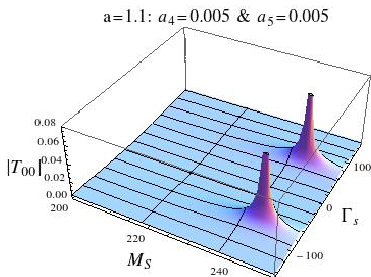
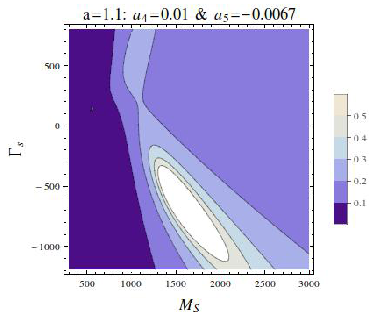
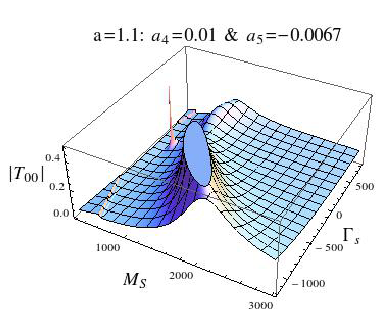


All Resonances



$M_R < 600$  GeV

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