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# Interference effects in (B)SM Higgs searches

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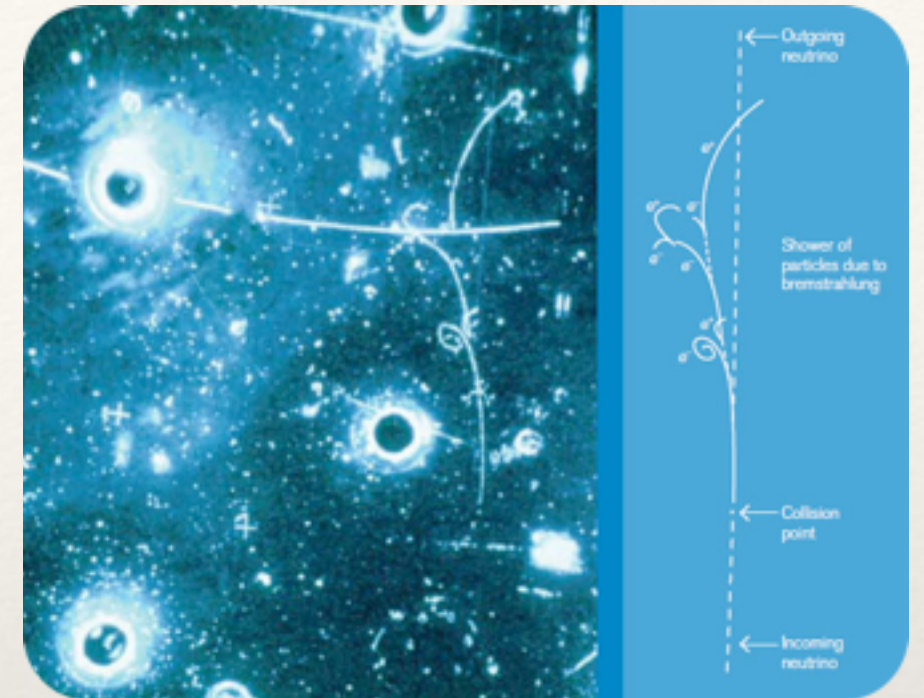
't Hooft, “Under the Spell of the Gauge Principle”

Ws and Zs in 1983 at UA1/UA2

$$m_W \simeq 80.42 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_Z \simeq 91.19 \text{ GeV}$$

How do you accommodate this in QFT?



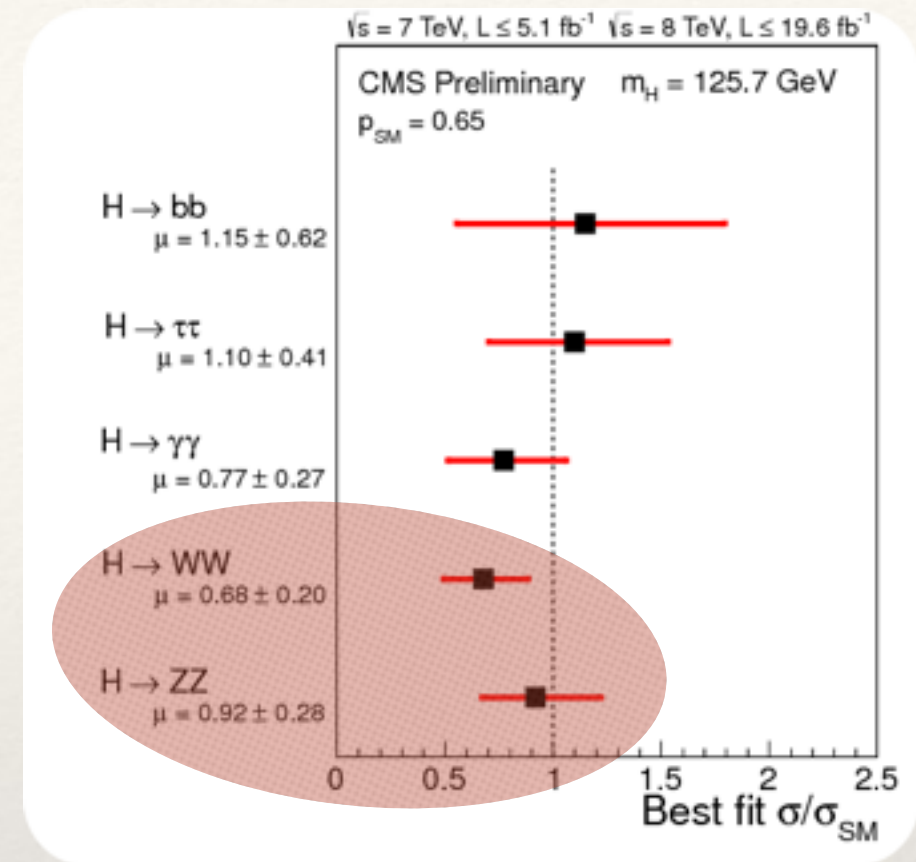
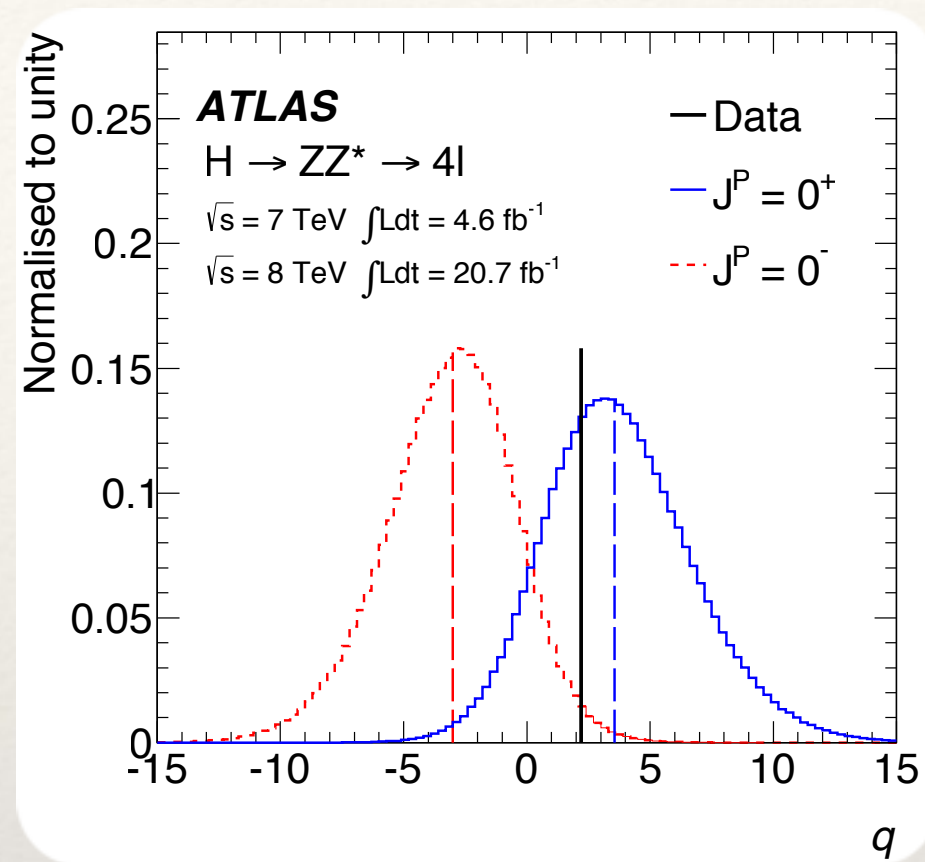
➡ answer to this in 1964

[Higgs '64] [Brout, Englert '64] [Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble '64]

- non-linear realisation of gauge symmetry in a Yang Mills+scalar sector is compatible with  $\langle H \rangle \neq 0$ 
  - ➡ “spontaneous” symmetry breaking
- massive gauge bosons, but no ghost problems at small distances
  - ➡ renormalizability, unitarity



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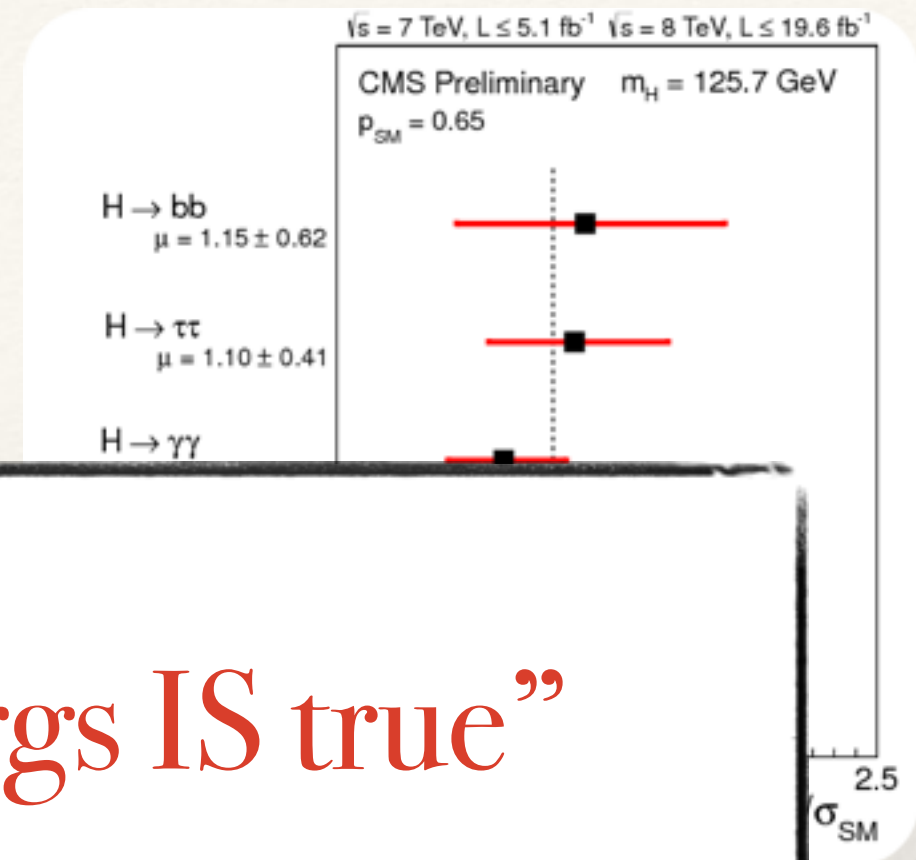
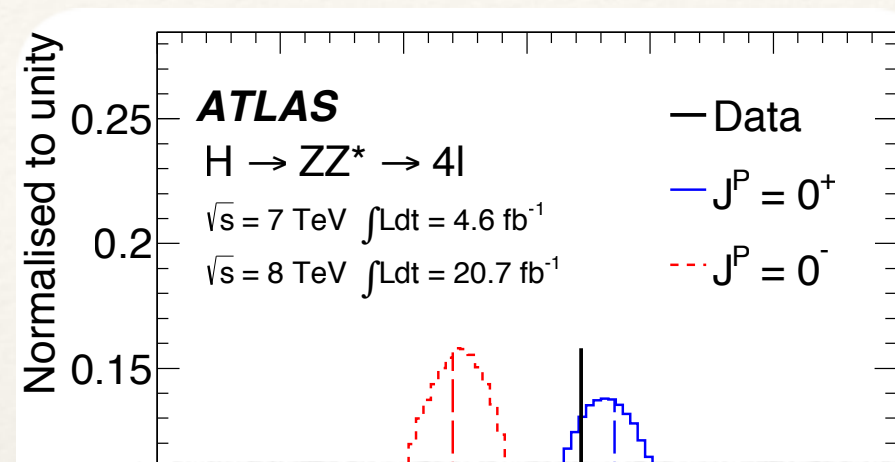


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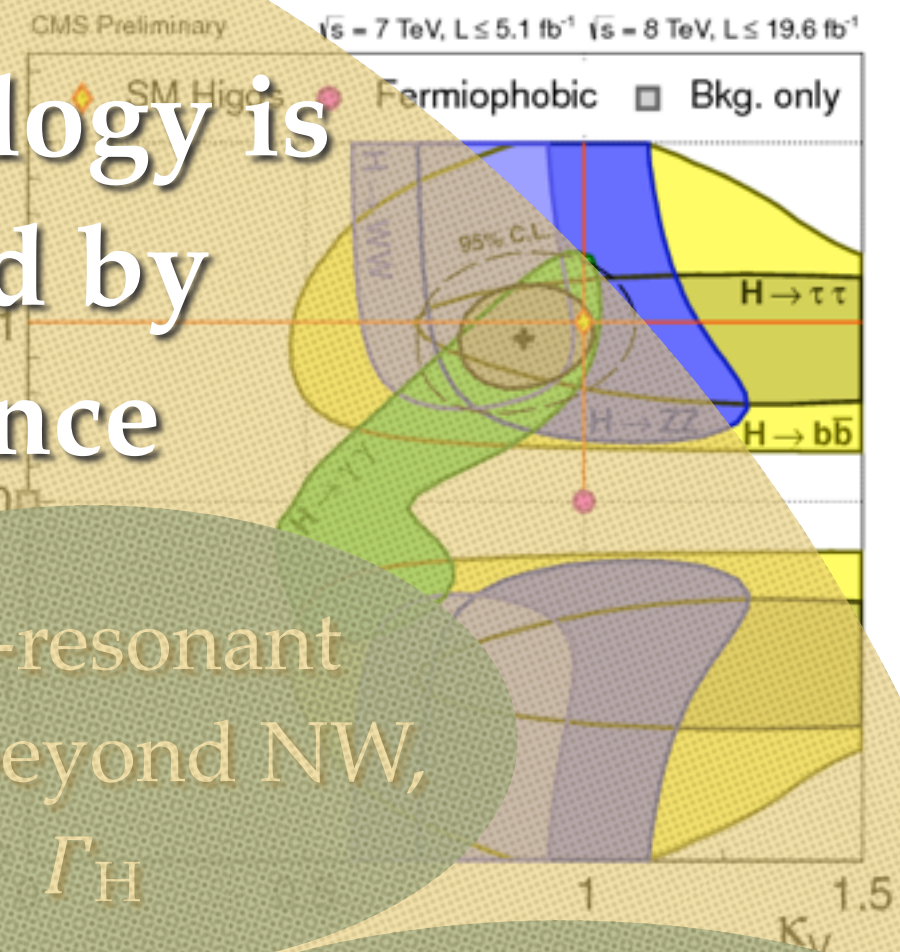
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non-resonant  
BSM beyond NW,  
 $\Gamma_H$

EWSB  
specific couplings, top  
interactions

[Klute, '12]  
[Corbett, Eboli, Gonzalez-Fraile, et al. '12]  
[Espinoza, Trott '12]

naturalness  
leaving footprints?

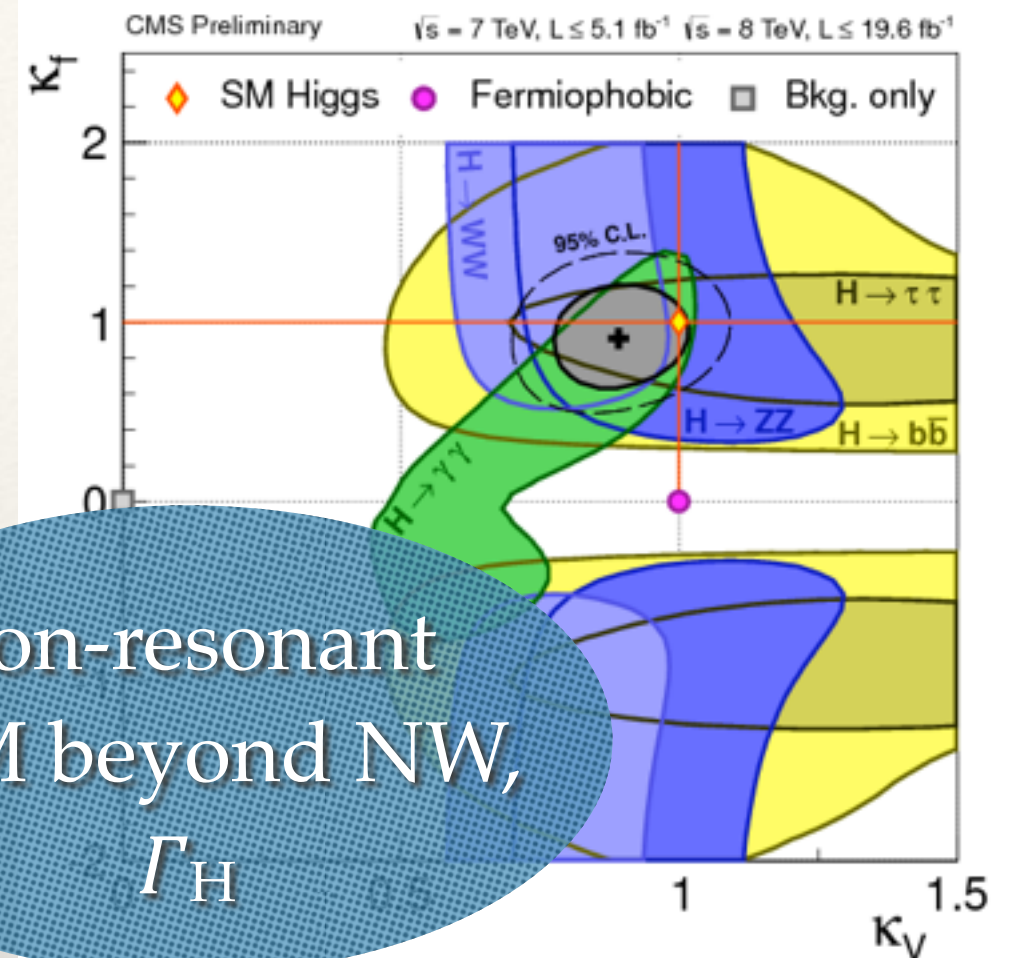




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similar analyses by [Ellis, You ` 12]

[Masso, Sanz ` 12]

[Carmi, Falkowski, Kuflik, Volansky ` 12]

[Klute, Lafaye, Plehn, Rauch, Zerwas ` 12]

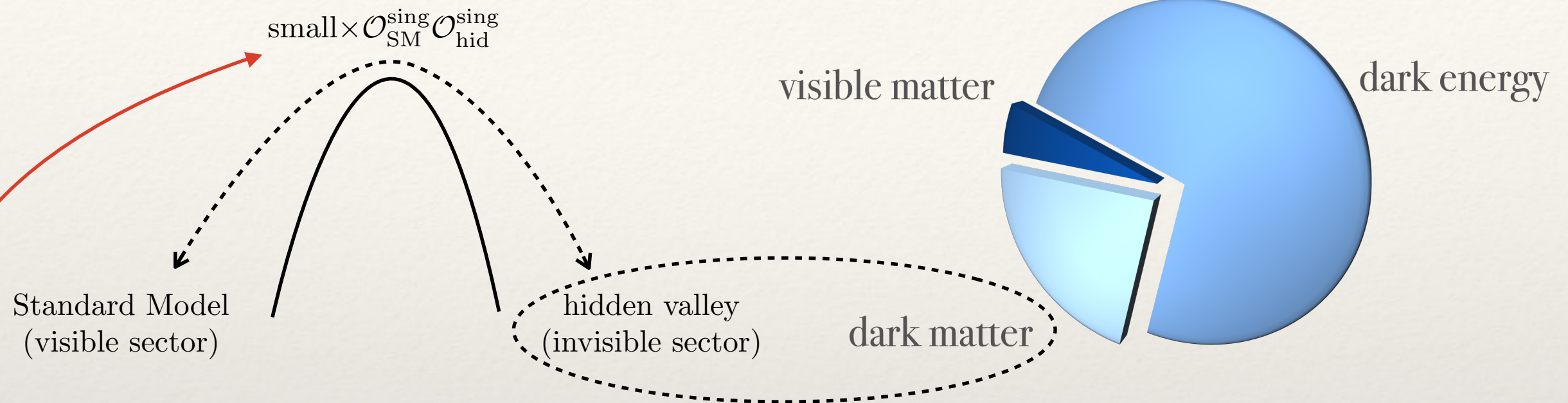
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[Espinosa, Grojean, Mühlleitner, Trott ` 12]



# The total Higgs width

Why is this important ?



only U(1) and sterile neutrino mixing + **Higgs Portals**  $\sim \lambda |H|^2 |\phi|^2$



$$\Gamma_H = \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}} + \Gamma_{\text{inv}}$$

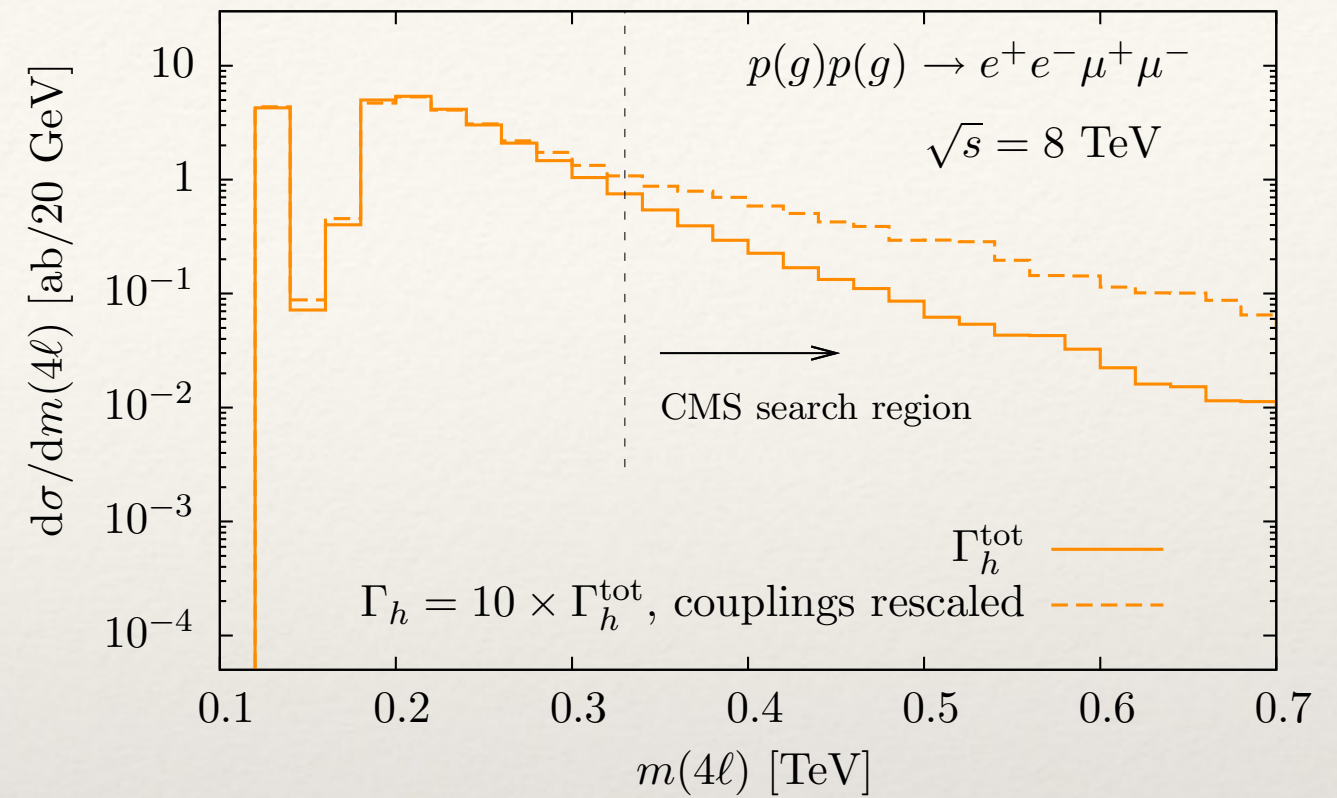
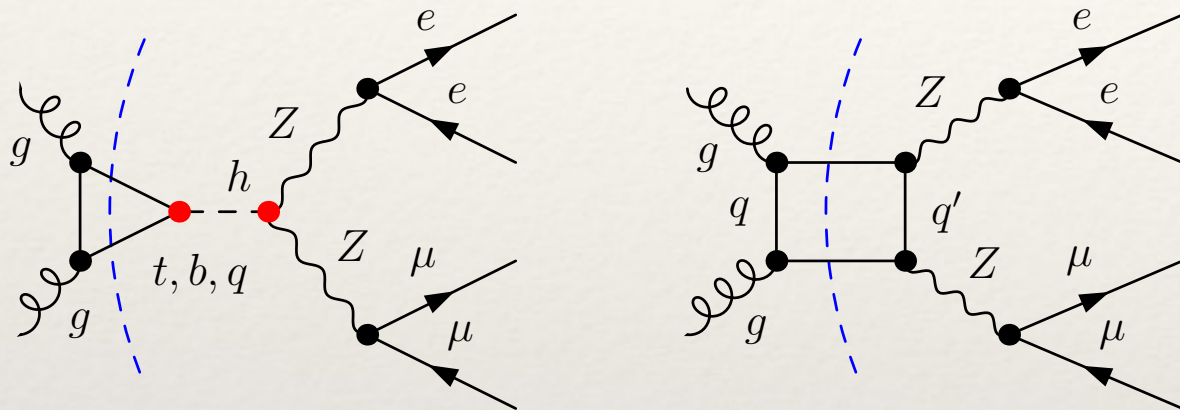
→ a **model-independent constraint** on the total Higgs decay width  
is a **game changer for particle physics and cosmology** !

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## A two-step programme in $ZZ$

[Kauer, Passarino `12][Caola, Melnikov `13]

[Campbell, Ellis, Williams `13]



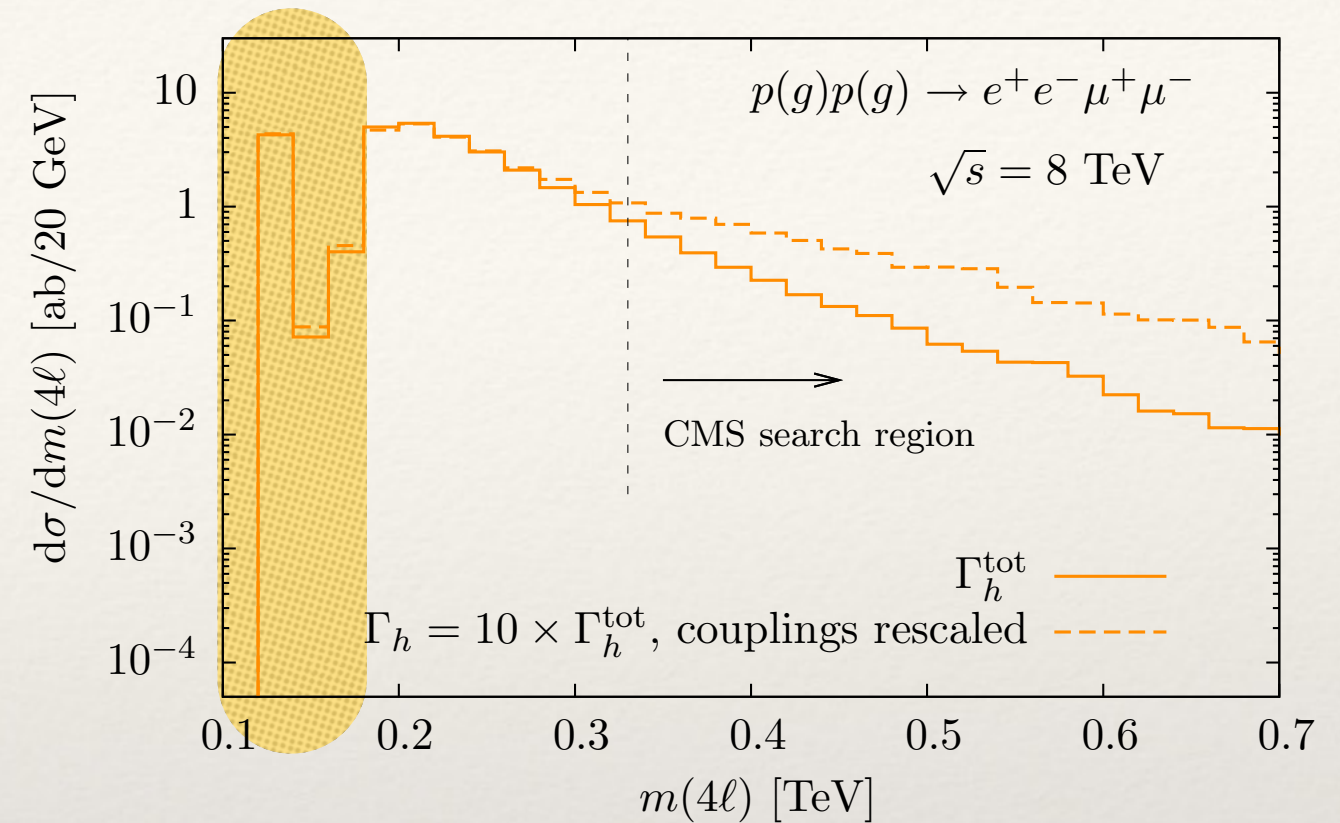
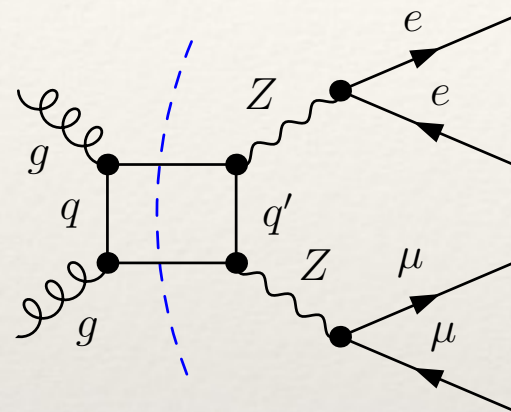
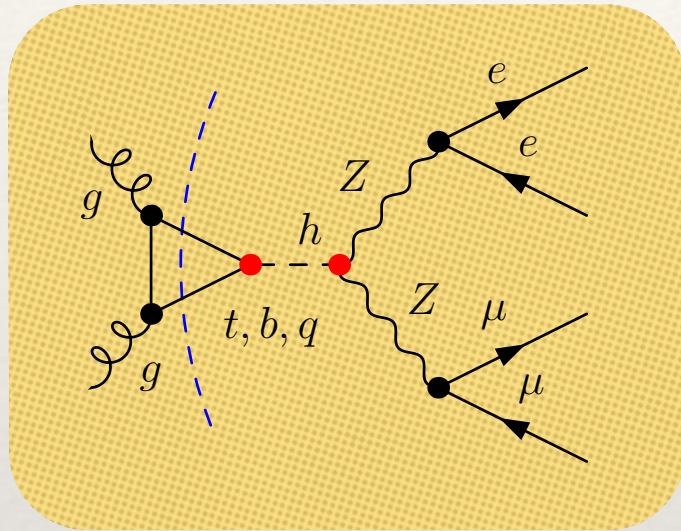


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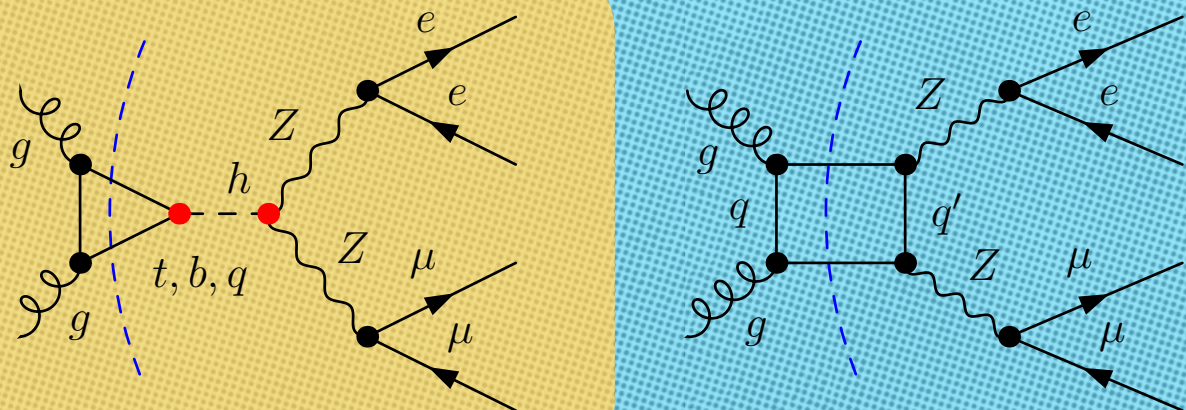


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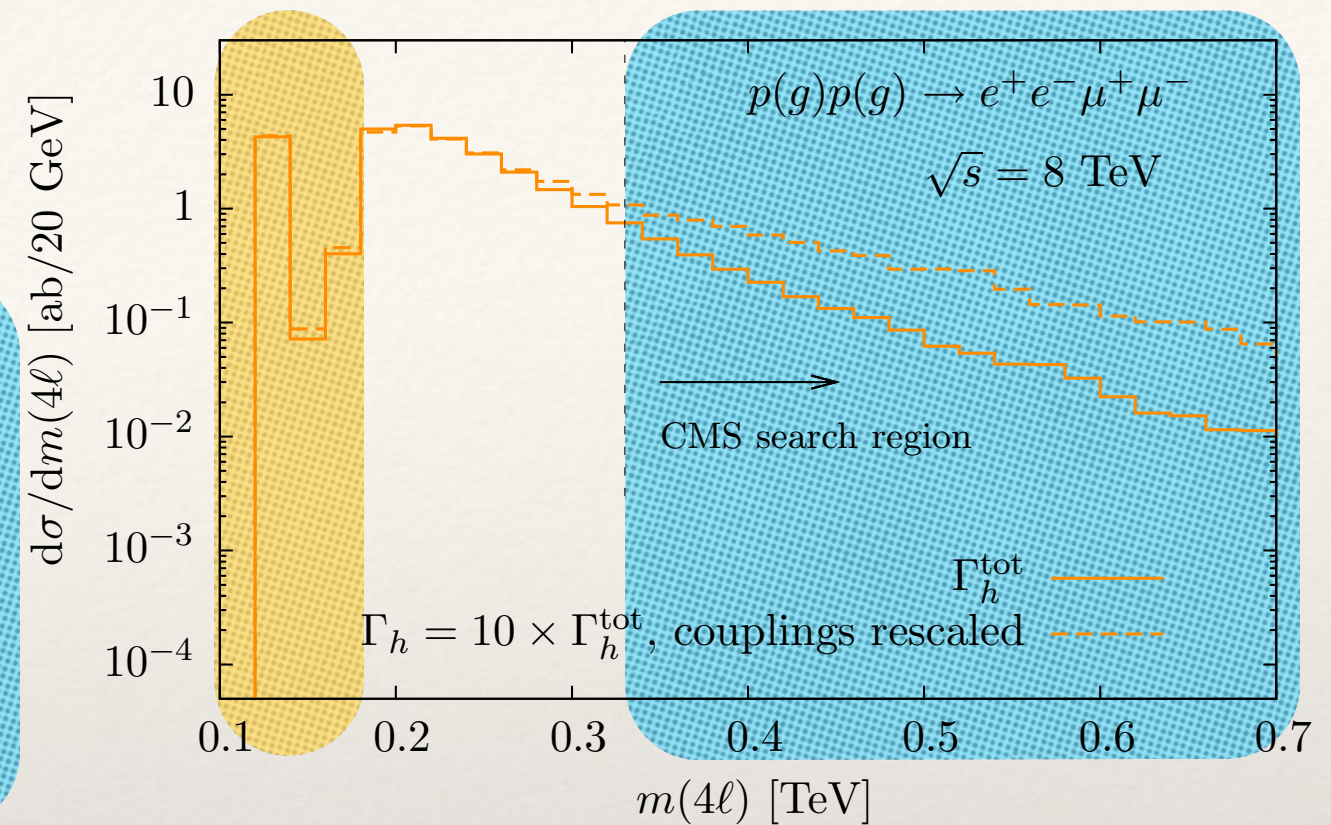
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### 2. off-shell measurement

threshold effects and unitarity driven interference, but de-coupling of width parameter  $\sim i/(s - m_h^2 + i\Gamma_h m_h)$

$$d\bar{\sigma}_h \sim \frac{g_{ggh}^2(\sqrt{s}) g_{hZZ}^2(\sqrt{s})}{s} d\text{LIPS} \times \text{pdfs.}$$



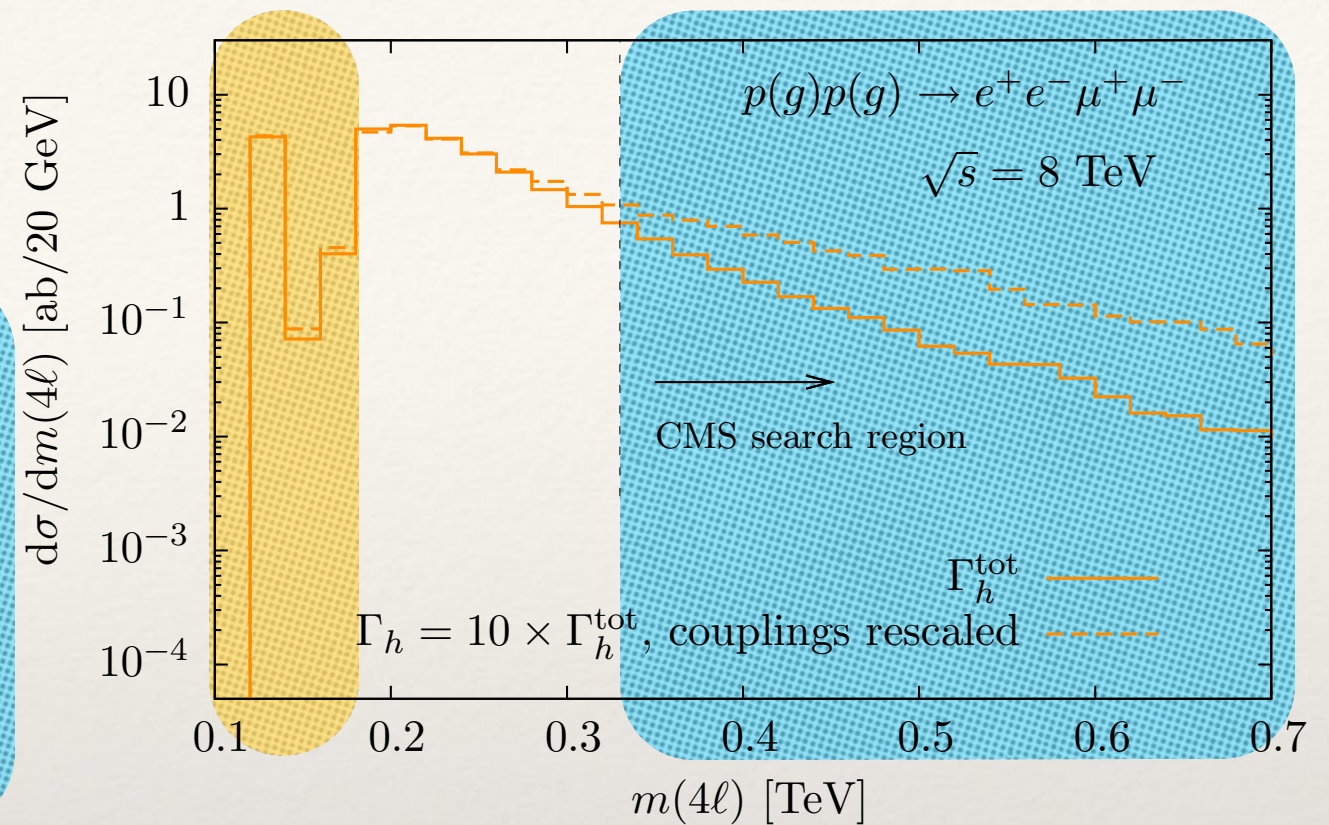
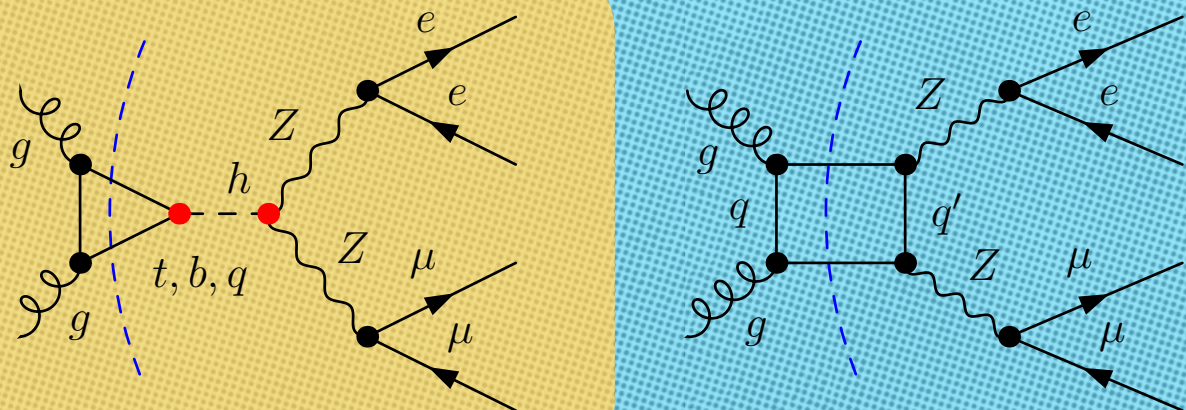


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[Caola, Melnikov '13]

[CMS-HIG-14-002] [ATLAS-CONF-2014-042]



correlate measurements

for off-shell an on-shell Higgs couplings are correlated:

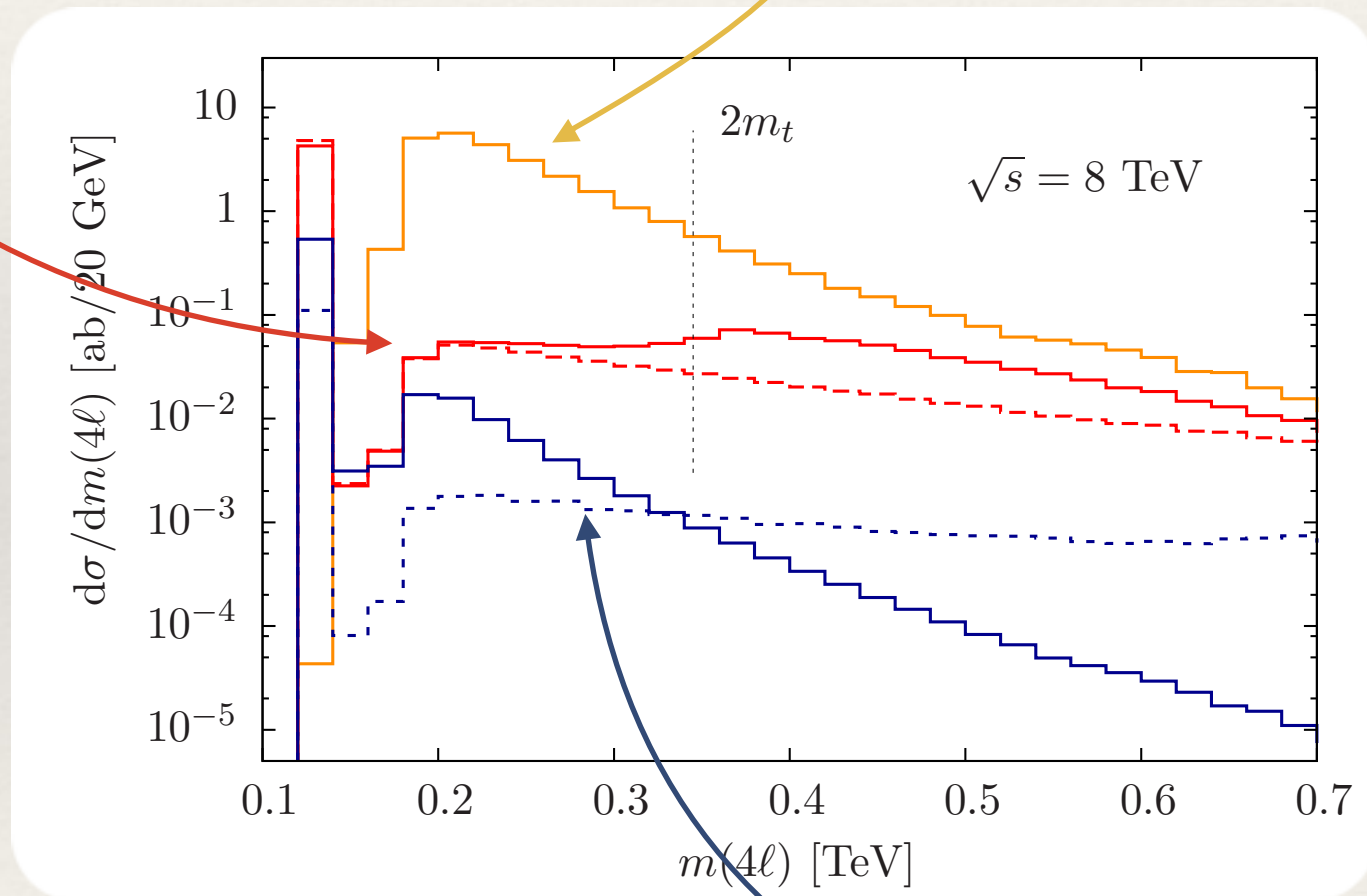
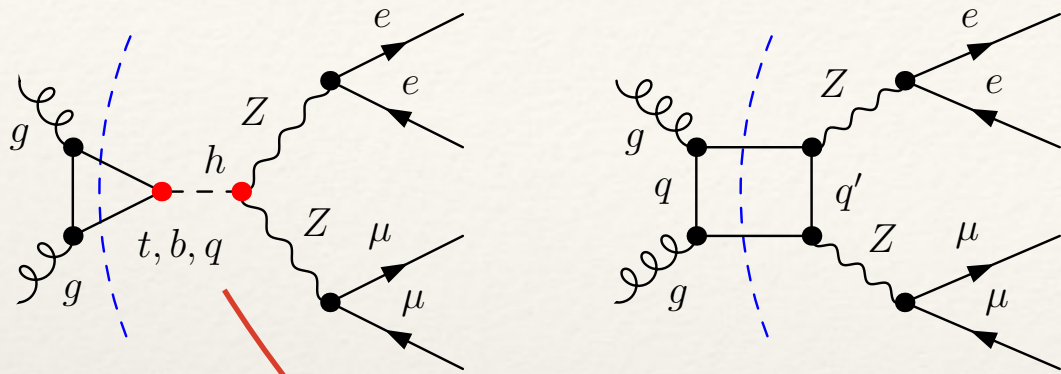
$$\Gamma_h > \Gamma_h^{\text{SM}}, \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad g_{ggh}g_{hZZ} > [g_{ggh}g_{hZZ}]^{\text{SM}} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \bar{\sigma} > \bar{\sigma}^{\text{SM}}$$

$\sigma \times \text{BR} \simeq [\sigma \times \text{BR}]^{\text{SM}}$



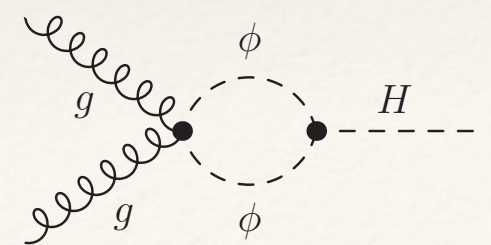
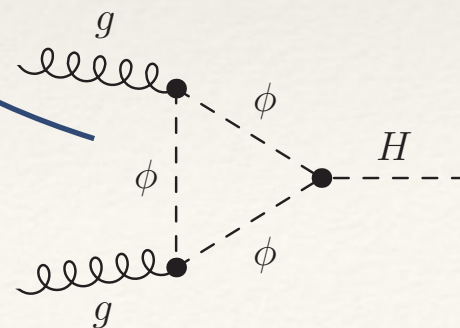
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... is there a loophole?



light (non-chiral) masses:

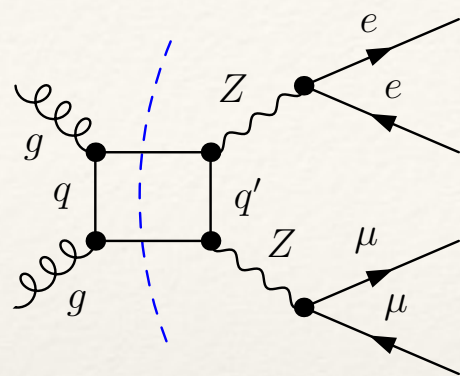
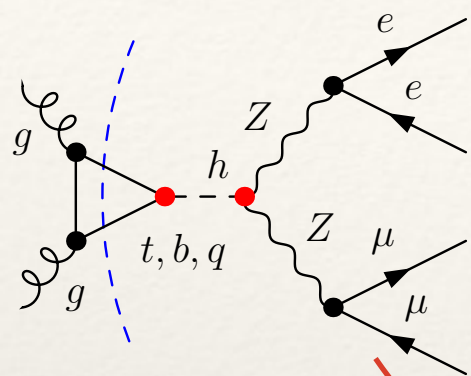
$$\mathcal{L} = |D_\mu \phi|^2 - m^2 \phi + \lambda |H|^2 |\phi|^2$$



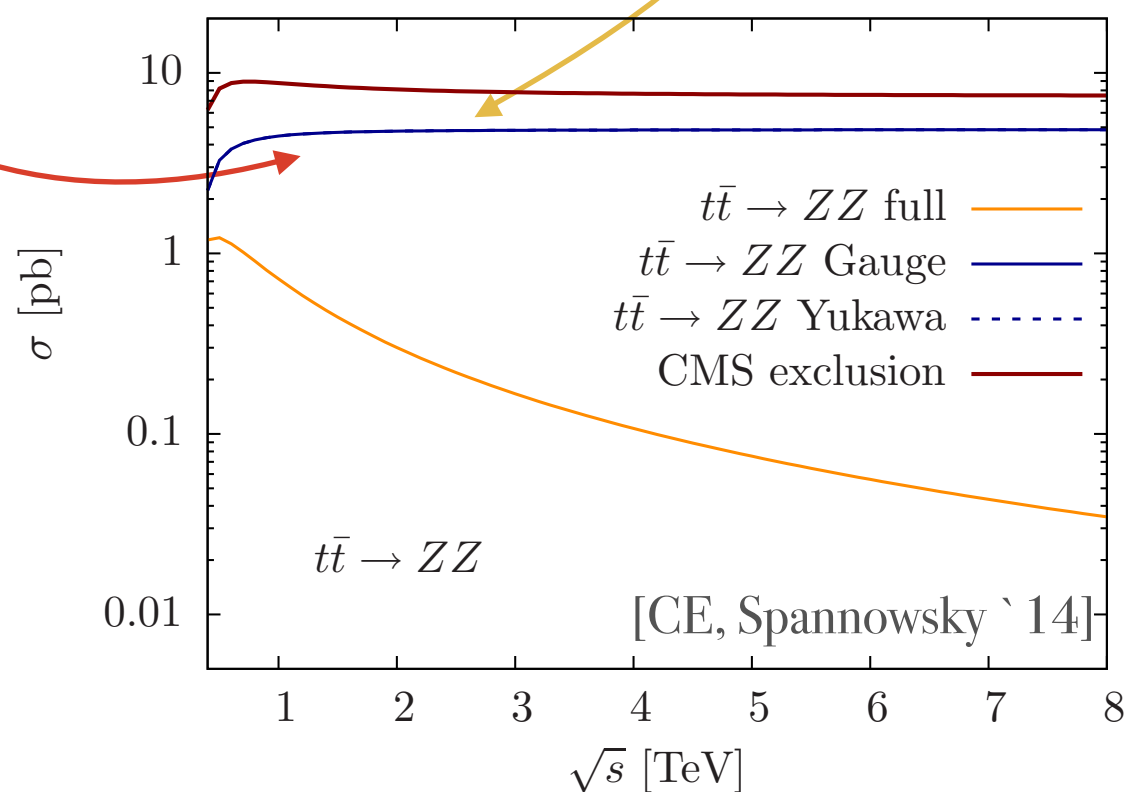


# Higgs “off-shell” measurements

...so much for the theory, but is this really a measurement of the width?



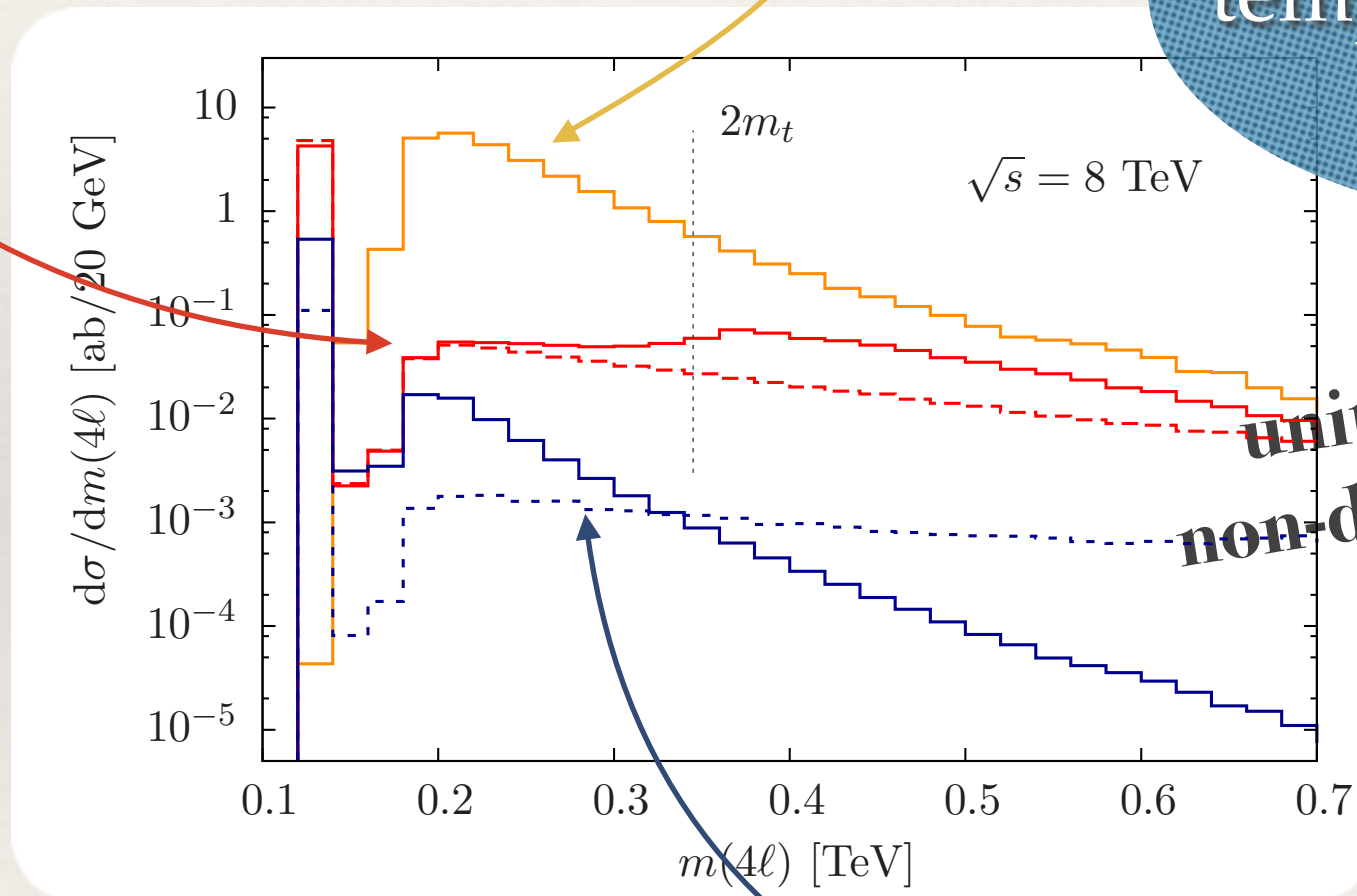
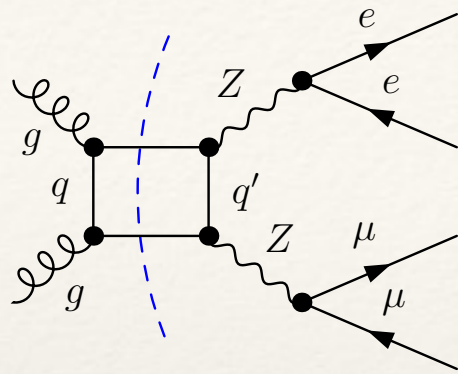
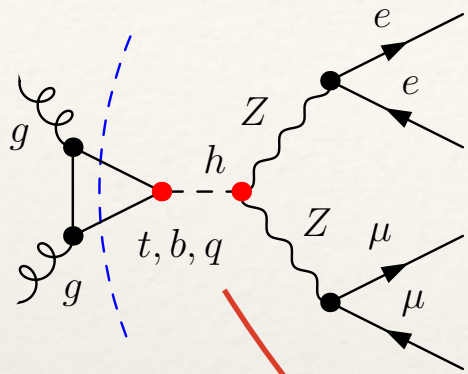
**nested top scattering!**



**Naive and inconsistent rescaling arguments violate unitarity in the 100 GeV region where the measurement picks up the sensitivity. We constrain unphysical models.**

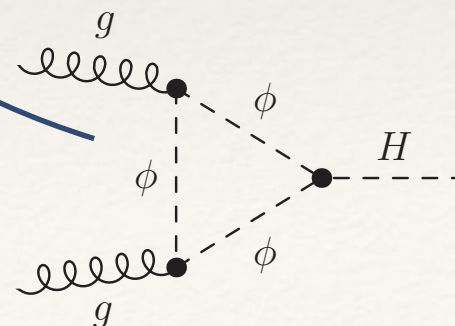
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...nonetheless rescaling arguments should not be a guiding principle!



cannot  
template individual  
topologies!

unitarity &  
non-decoupling





# The total Higgs width

[CE, Spannowsky `14]

$m_\phi$	$\mu$ ( $h$ peak)	$\Gamma_h/\Gamma_h^{\text{SM}}$	$\bar{\sigma}/\bar{\sigma}^{\text{SM}}$ [ $m(4\ell) \geq 330$ GeV] <sup>a</sup>
70 GeV	$\simeq 1.0$	$\simeq 5$	$-2\%$
170 GeV	$\simeq 1.0$	$\simeq 4.7$	$+80\%$
170 GeV	$\simeq 1.0$	$\simeq 1.7$	$+6\%$

- cannot control loop contributions in QCD processes at hadron colliders
- width interpretation not possible in BSM scenarios without uniform convergence to the SM template, statistical pull always from  $\sigma\text{BR}$ !

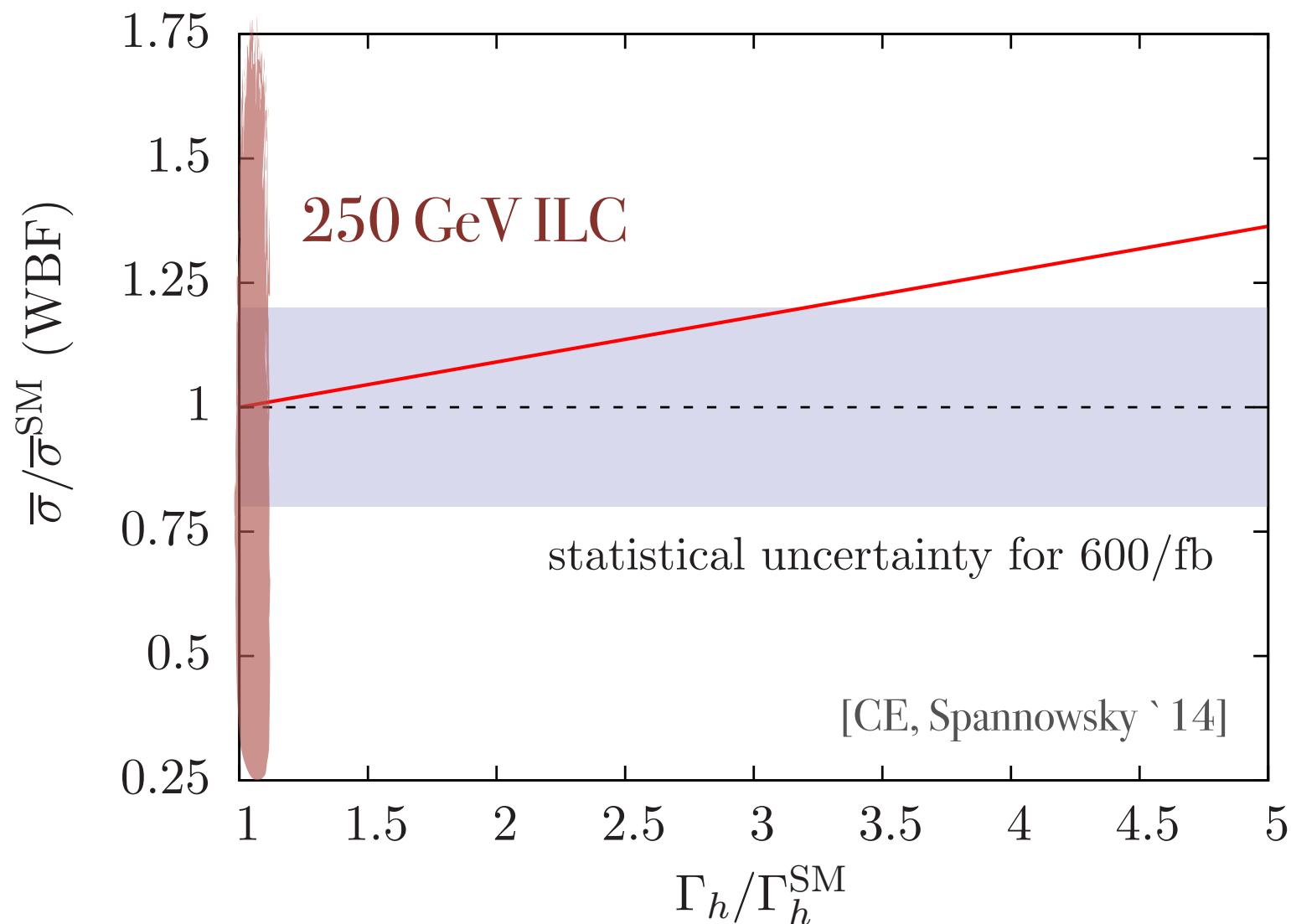
[CE, Spannowsky, Soreq `14]

- new contributions to continuum  $ZZ$  suppressed and bound to be small in light of electroweak precision constraints
- interpreted SM-like width measurement this analysis is not competitive:  
2-like  $WW_h$  coupling and zero hidden width bias gave  $\Gamma_H < 1.4 \Gamma_H^{\text{SM}}$  already with very early data!

[Dobrescu, Lykken `14]



# The total Higgs width



- **remove loop argument with WBF:** adapt to weak boson fusion + custodial isospin (small interference with GF, GF can be suppressed, H couplings to ZZ and WW directly reflect electroweak properties)

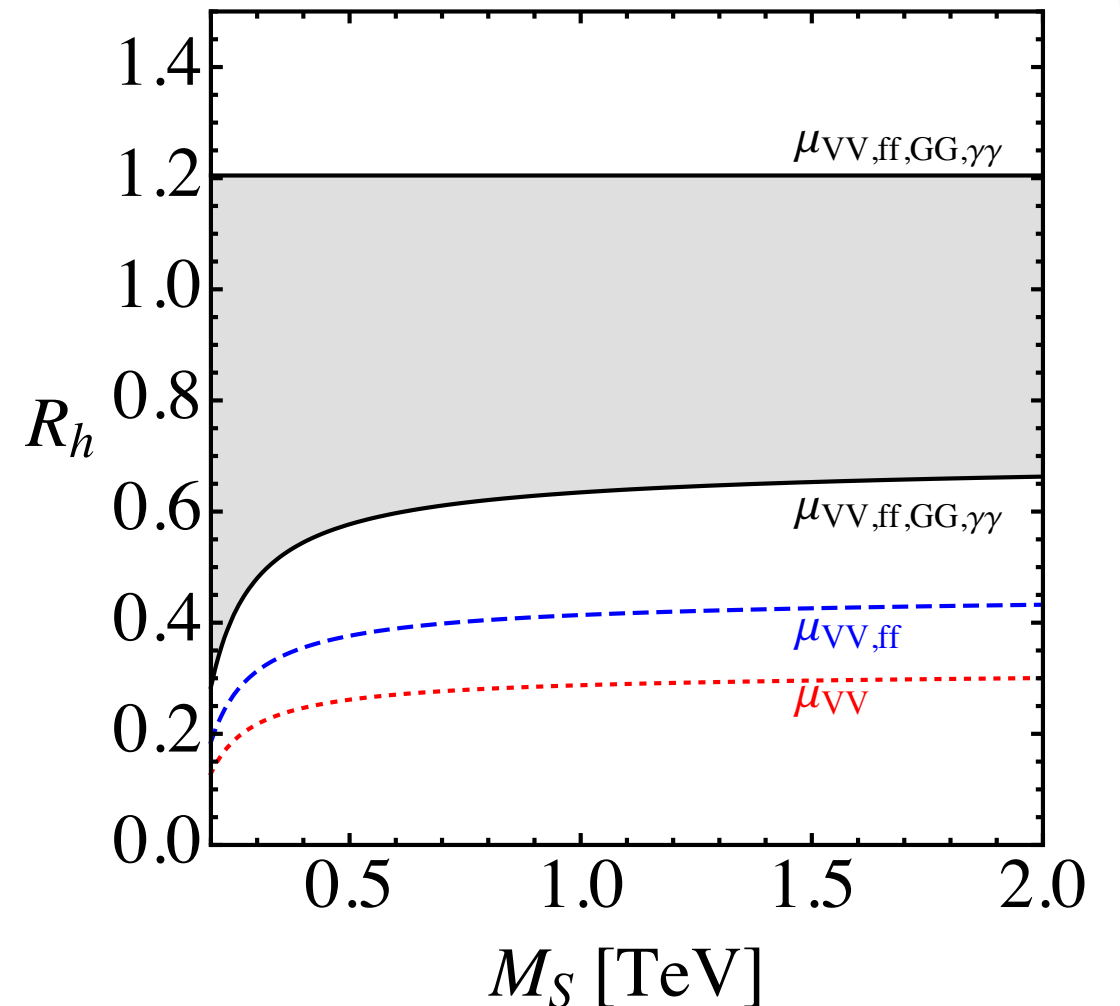
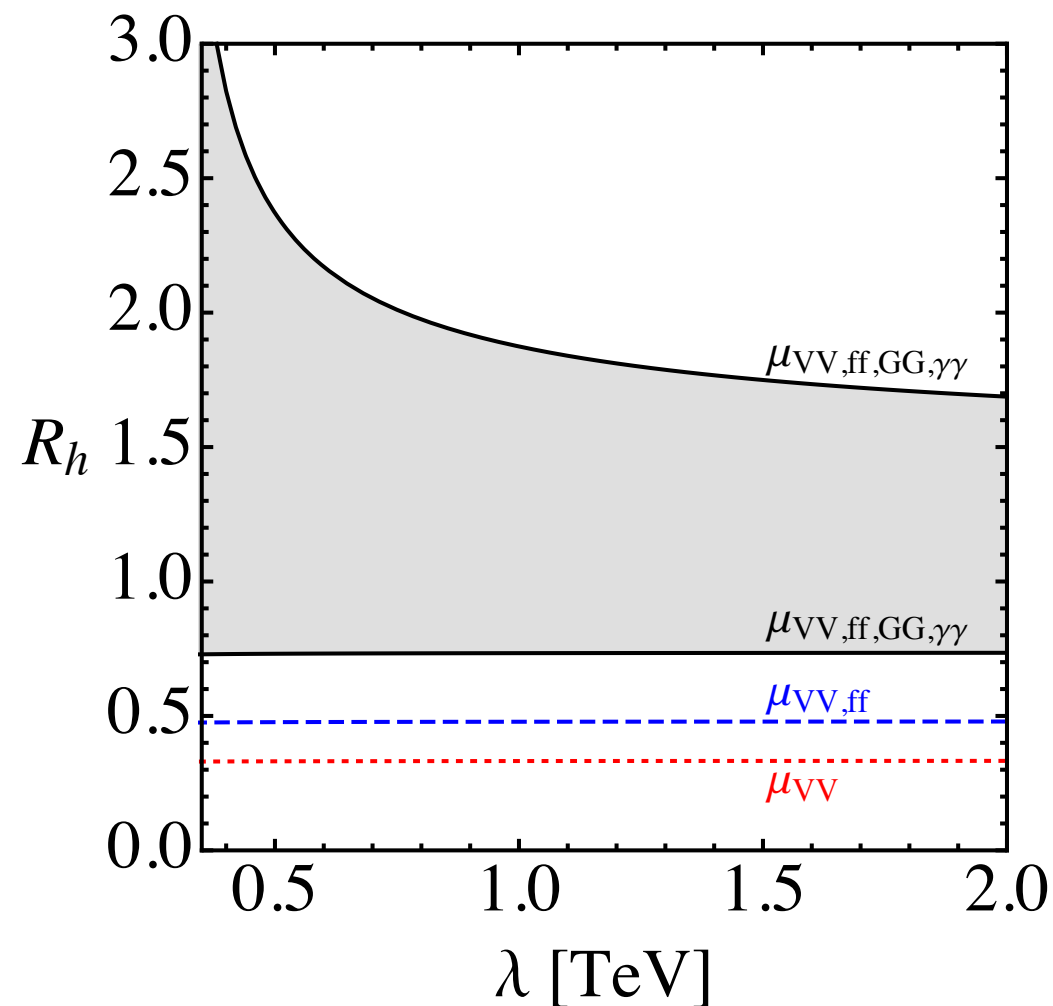
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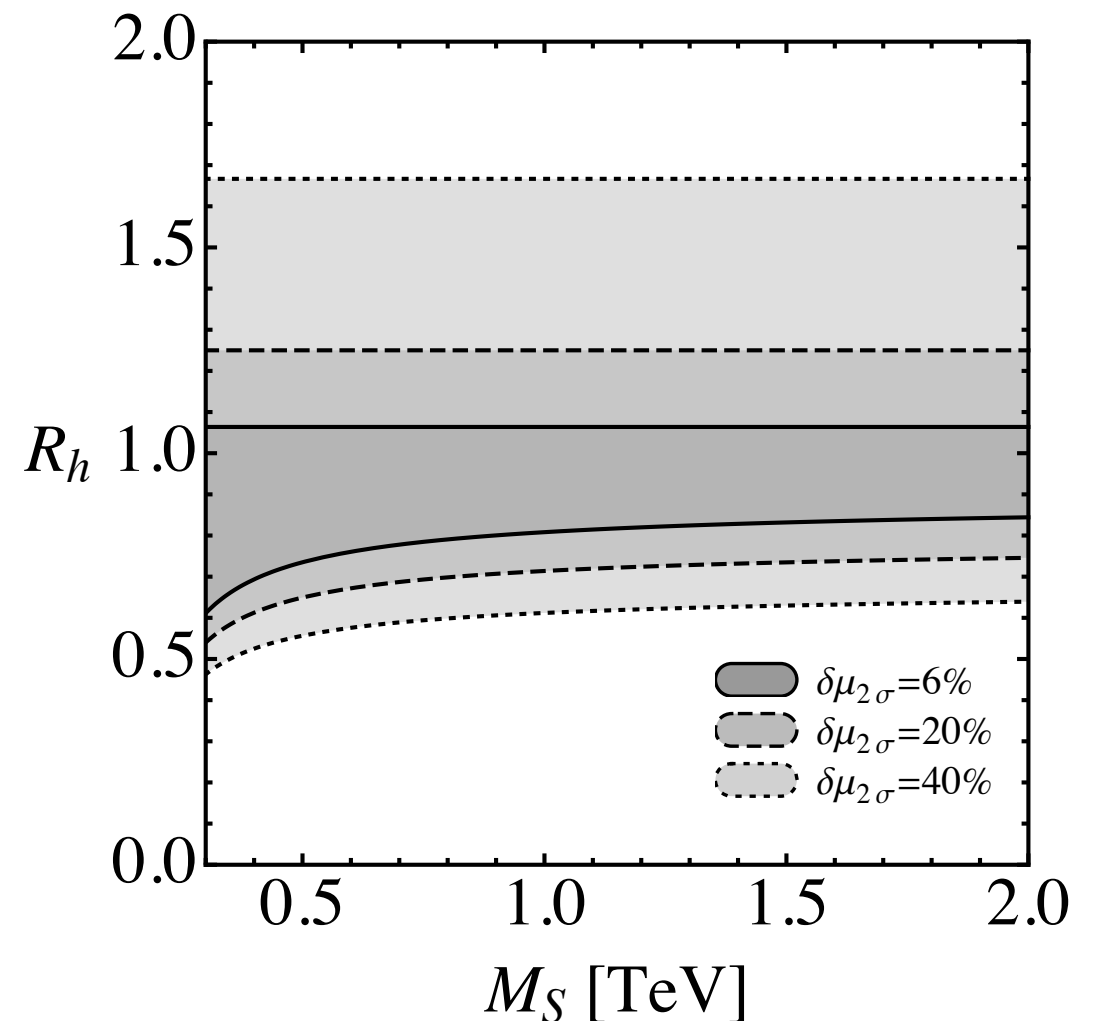
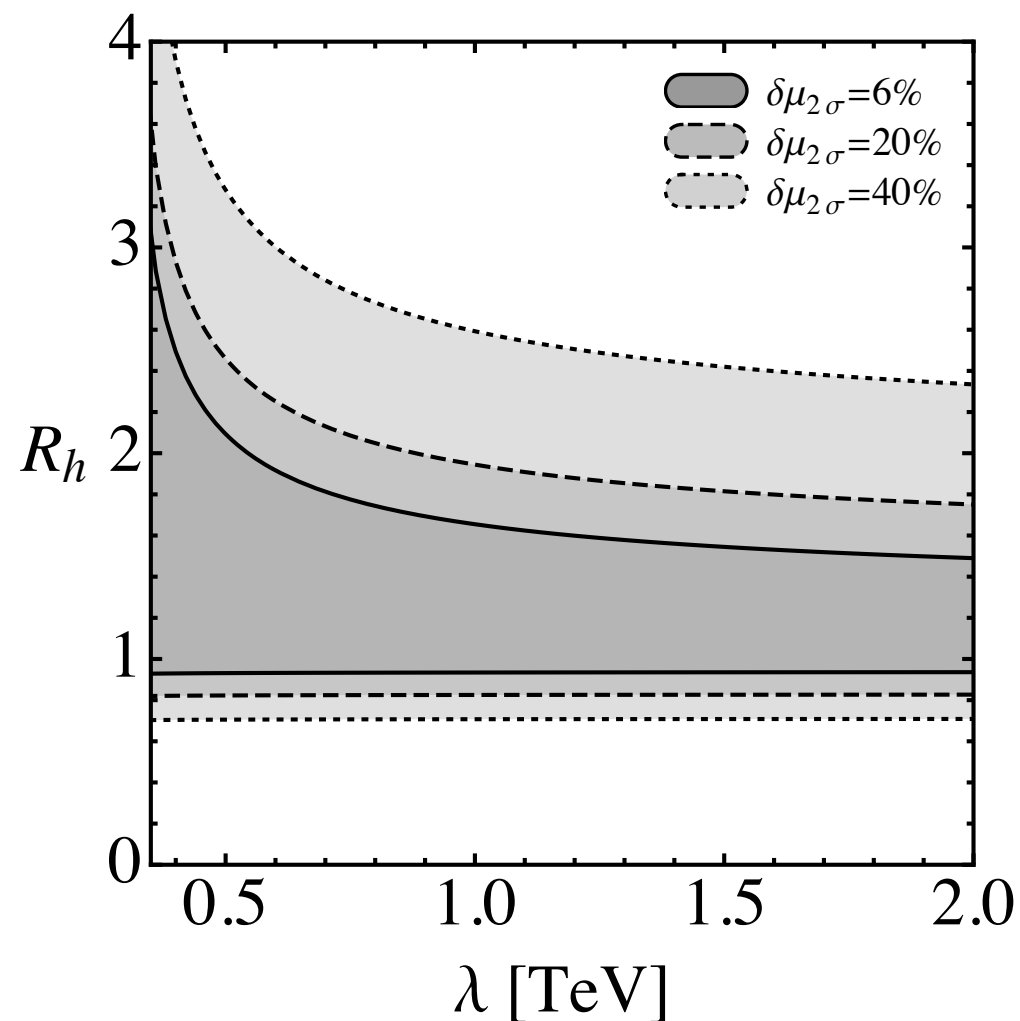




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Is there evidence for new  
degrees of freedom?

[following the HXSWG]

No.

Yes.

Higgs Effective Field Theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_i \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i$$

[Buchmüller, Wyler `87]

[Hagiwara, Peccei, Zeppenfeld, Hikasa `87]

[Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi `07]

[Grzadkowski, Iskrzynski, Misiak, Rosiek `10]

concrete models

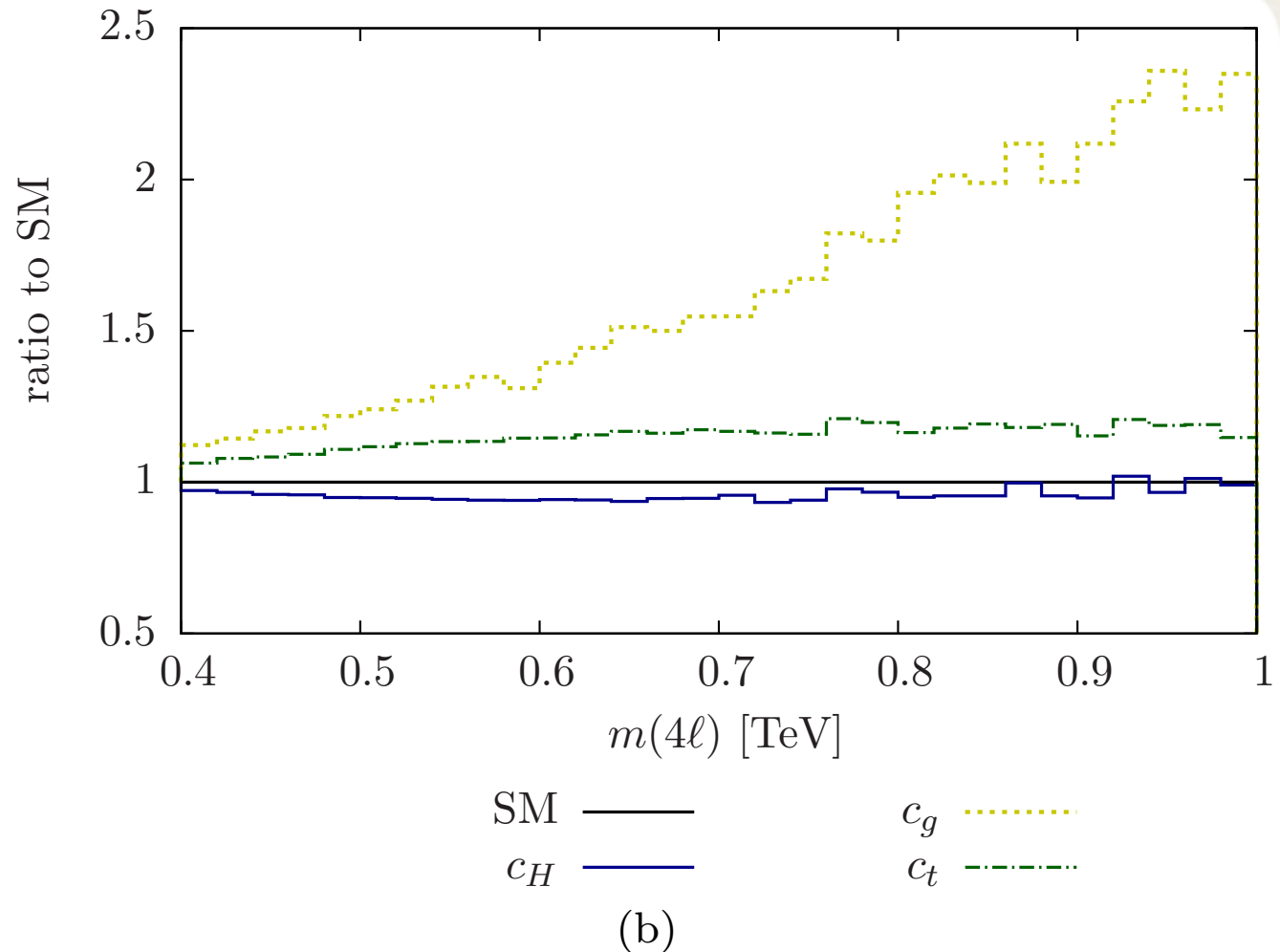
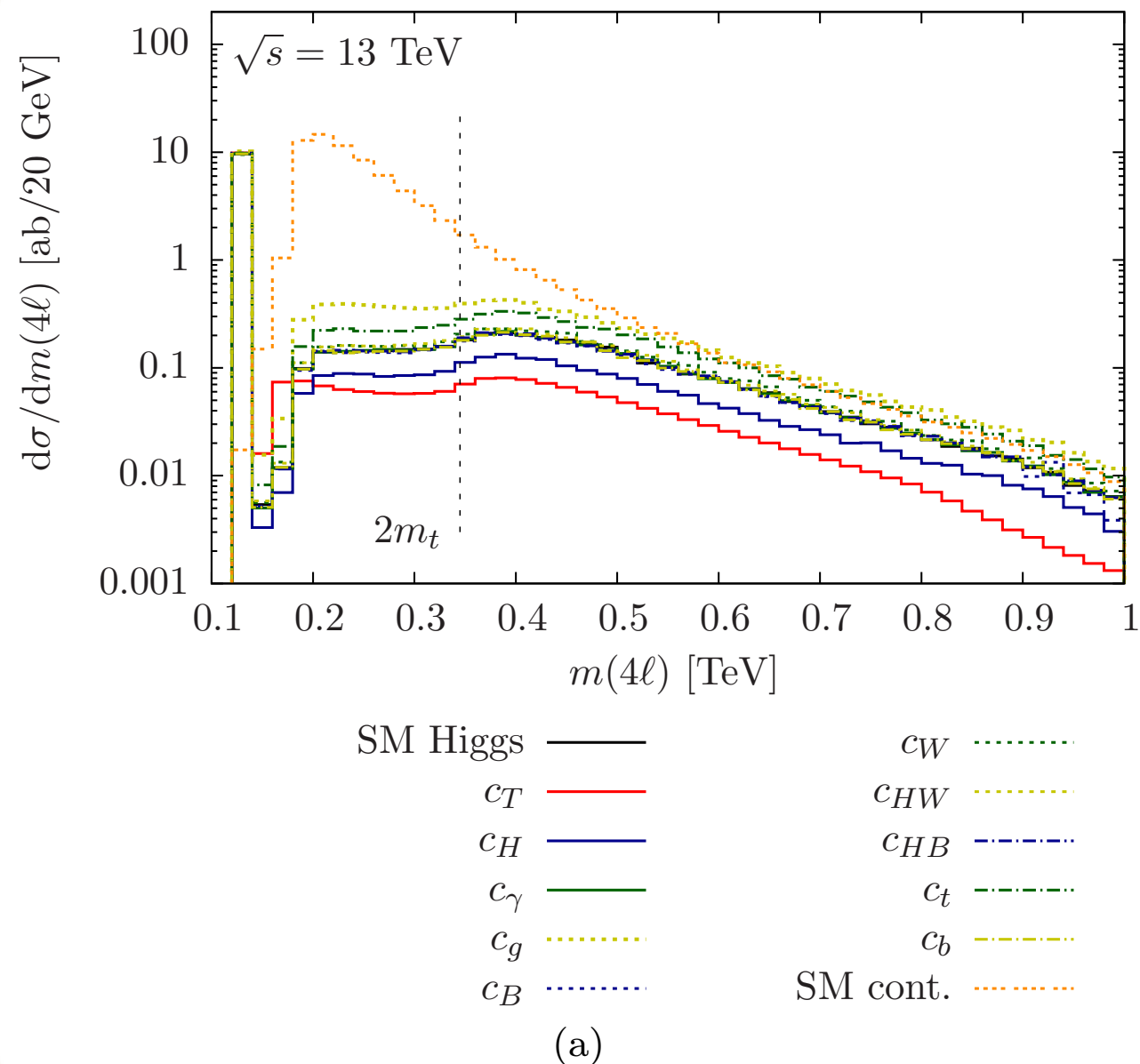
- **Higgs portals**
- (N)MSSM
- compositeness
- ...

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[following the HXSWG]

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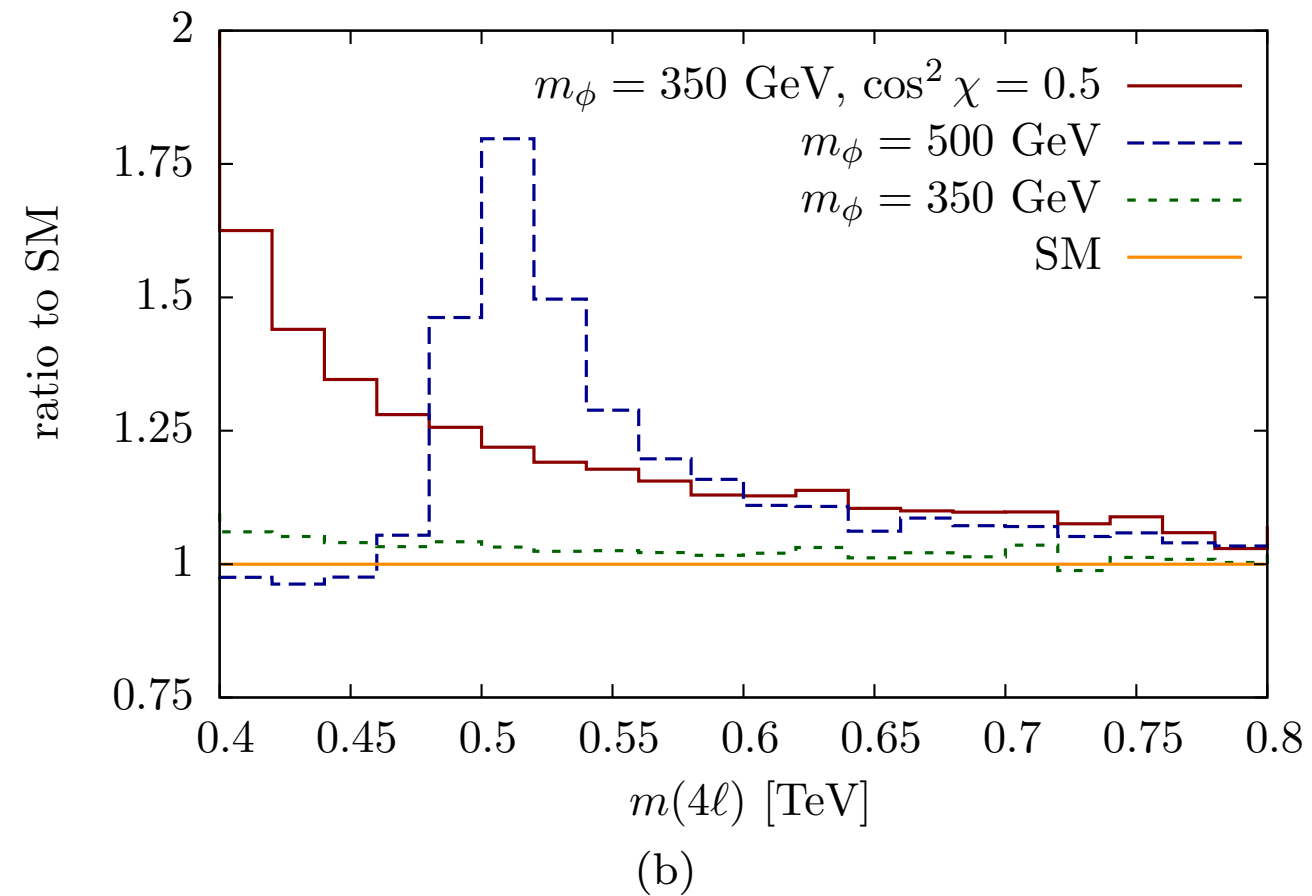
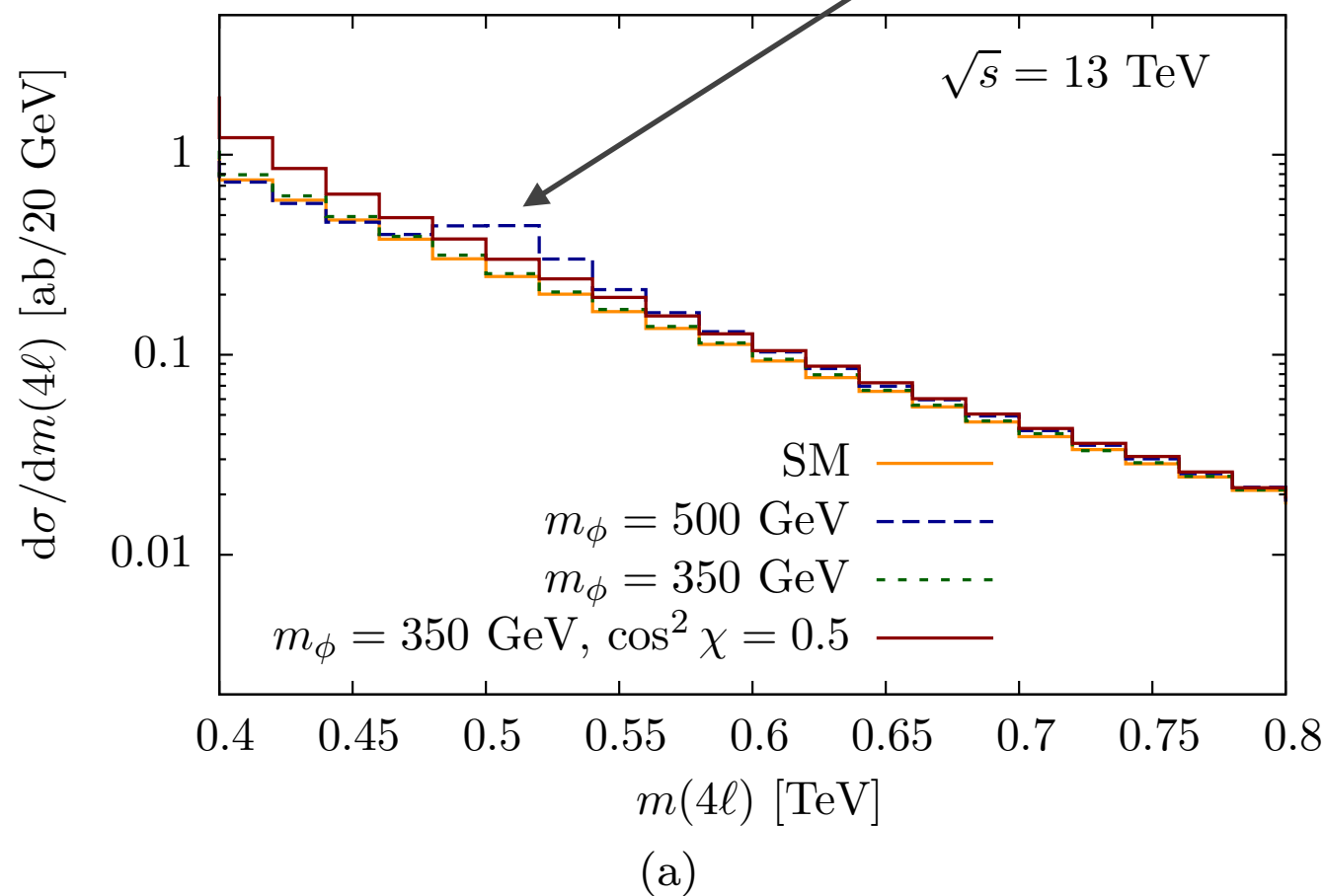
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## concrete models

[following the HXSWG]

- **extra Higgs-like states**

additional (wide)  
resonance in the TeV  
regime

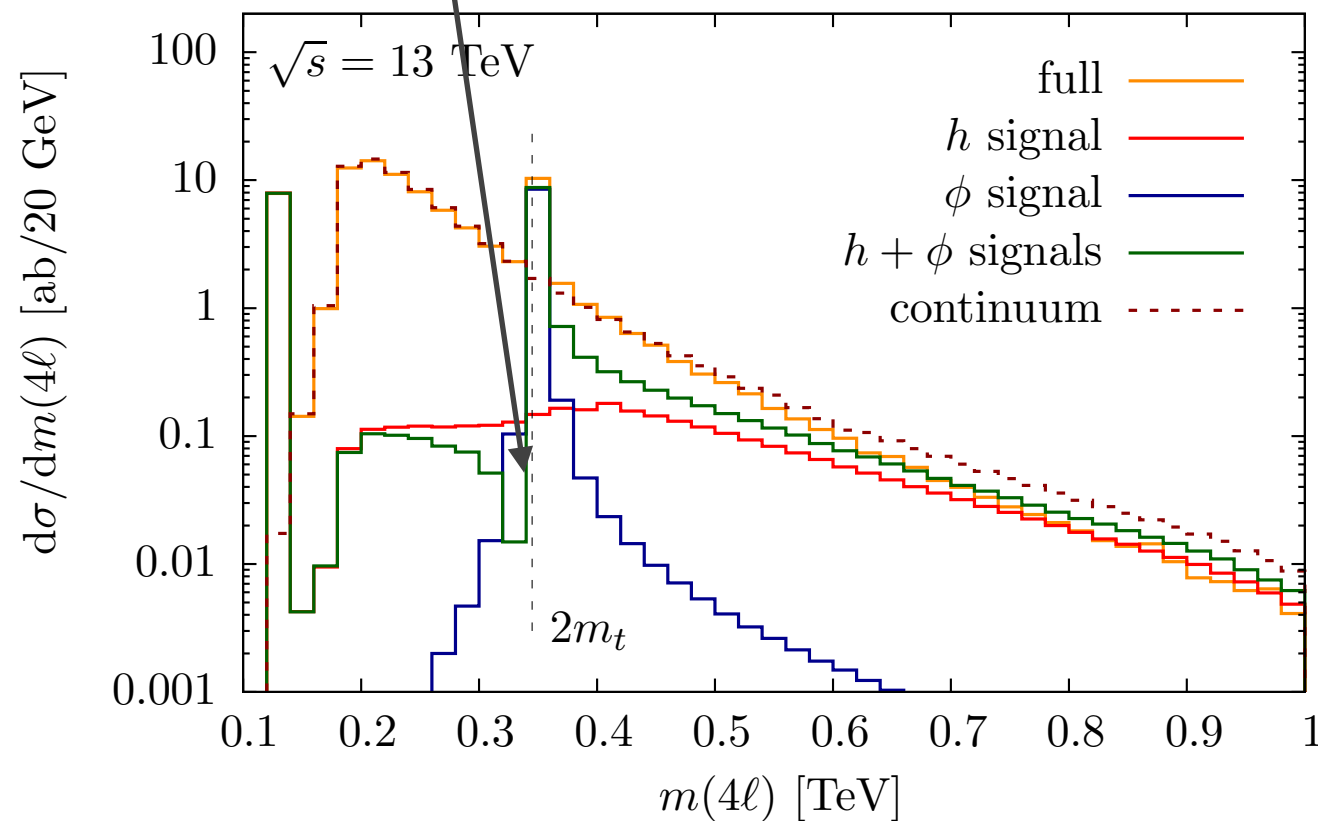


[CE, Spannowsky, Soreq '14]

# Impact of width modelling

dip structure is sensitive  
to width and propagator  
modelling

how do we treat a  
systematic resummation  
in theory?



[CE, Spannowsky, Soreq '14]

(a)

$$\Delta = \frac{i}{s - m^2 + im\Gamma_m}$$

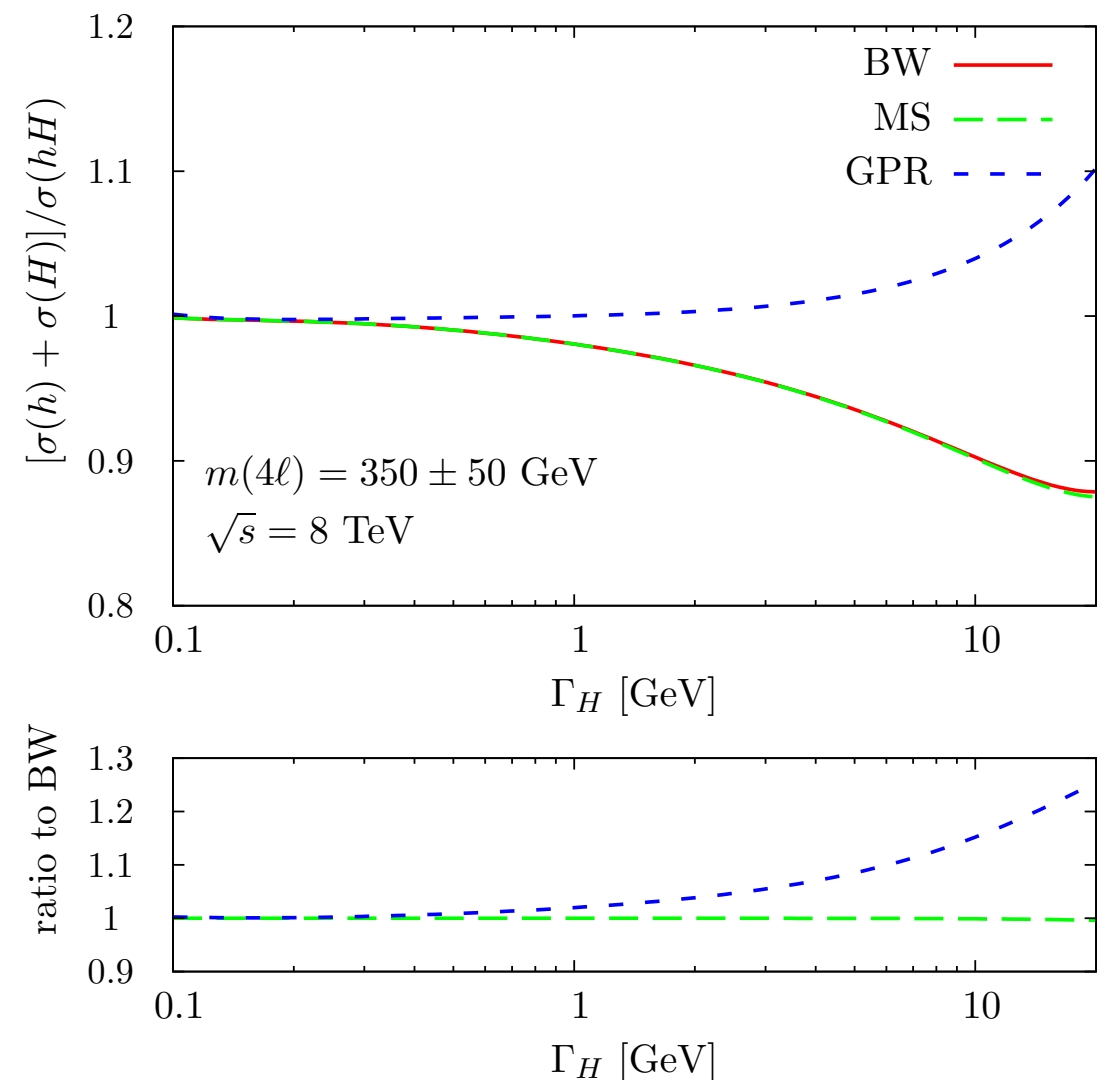
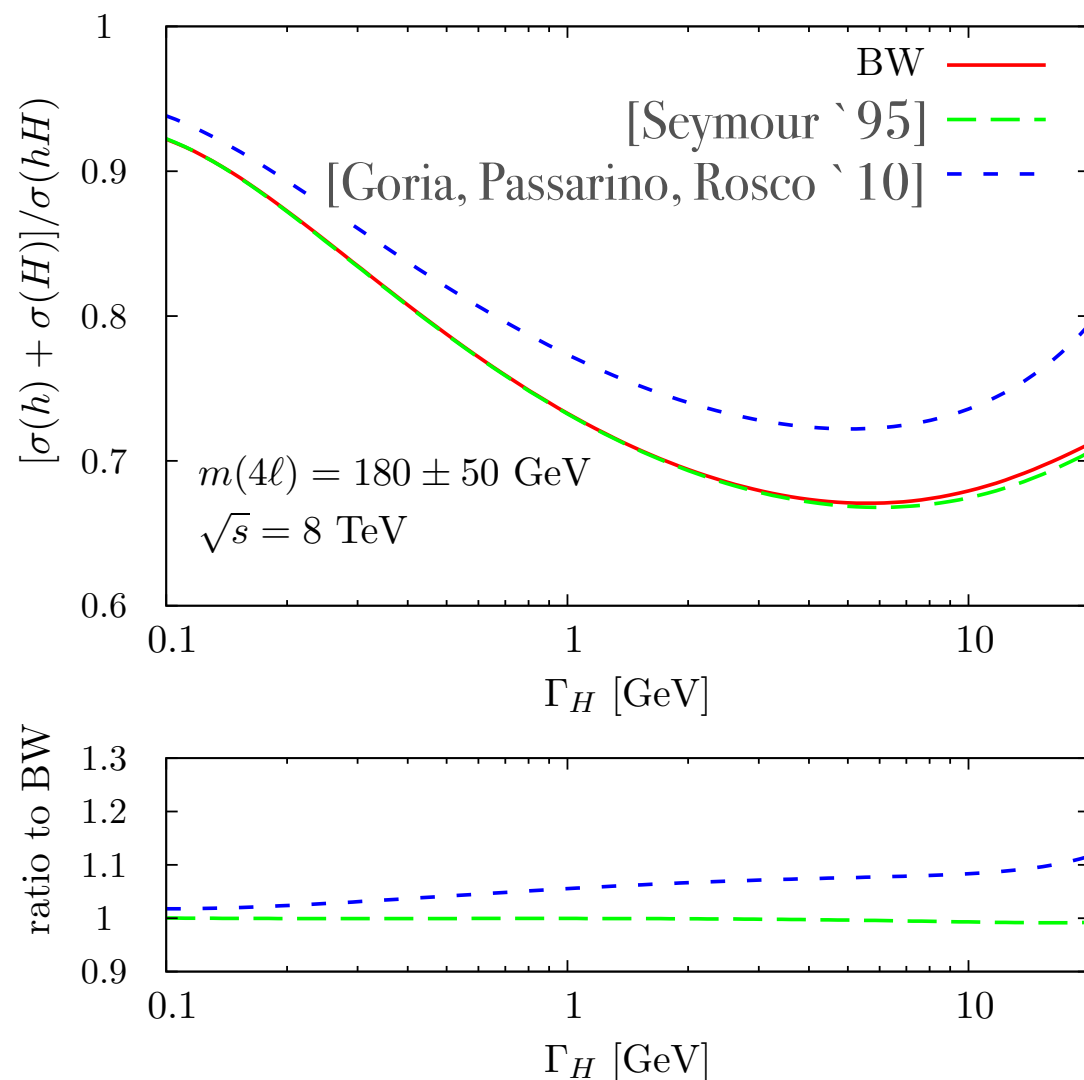


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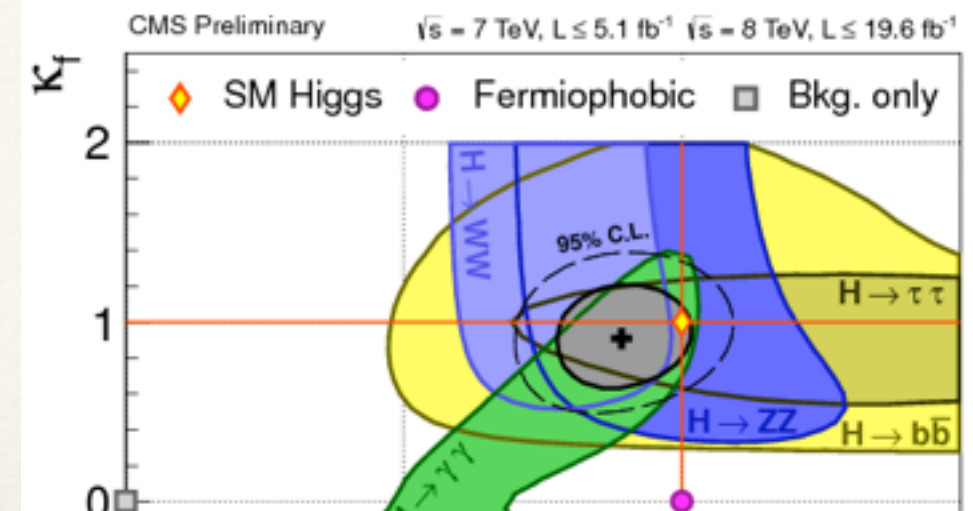
[CE, Low, Spannowsky `15]



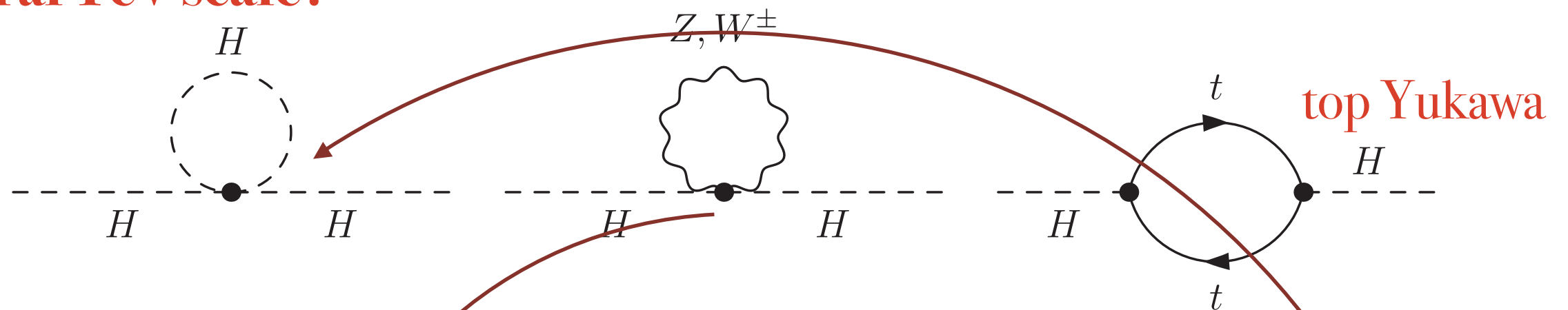
# A bottom-up (B)SM Higgs programme

*coupling measurements are determined by*

1. unitarity



Natural TeV scale?



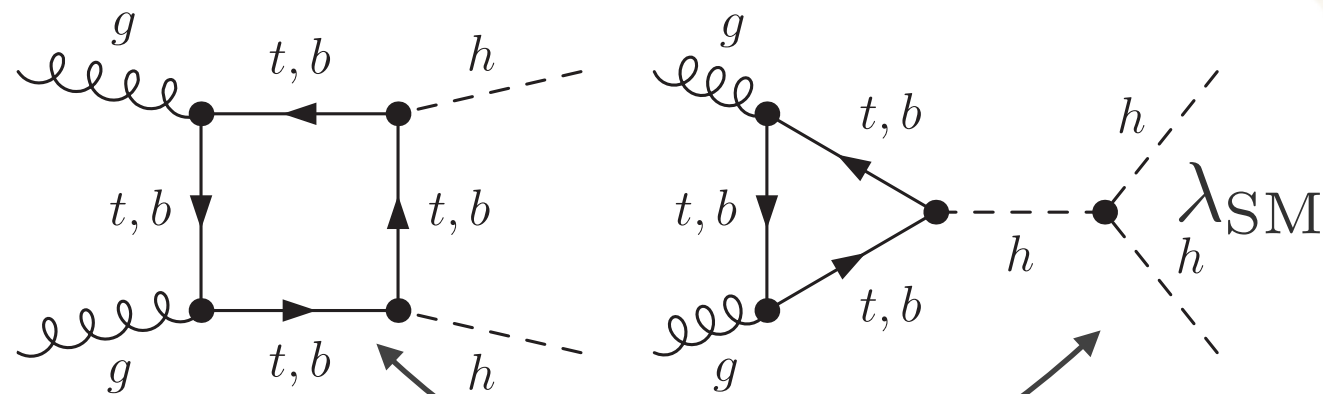
$$\mathcal{L}_H = (D_\mu H)^\dagger D^\mu H - V(\langle H \rangle) - V'(\langle H \rangle)(H - \langle H \rangle) - \frac{1}{2} V''(\langle H \rangle)(H - \langle H \rangle)^2 - \dots$$

*gauge-Higgs couplings?*      *“unimportant”*      *= 0*      *self-couplings?*

$\sim m_H^2$



# The Higgs trilinear coupling



[Plehn, Baur, Rainwater `03]

[Dolan, CE, Spannowsky `12]

[Papaefstathiou, Yang, Zurita `13]

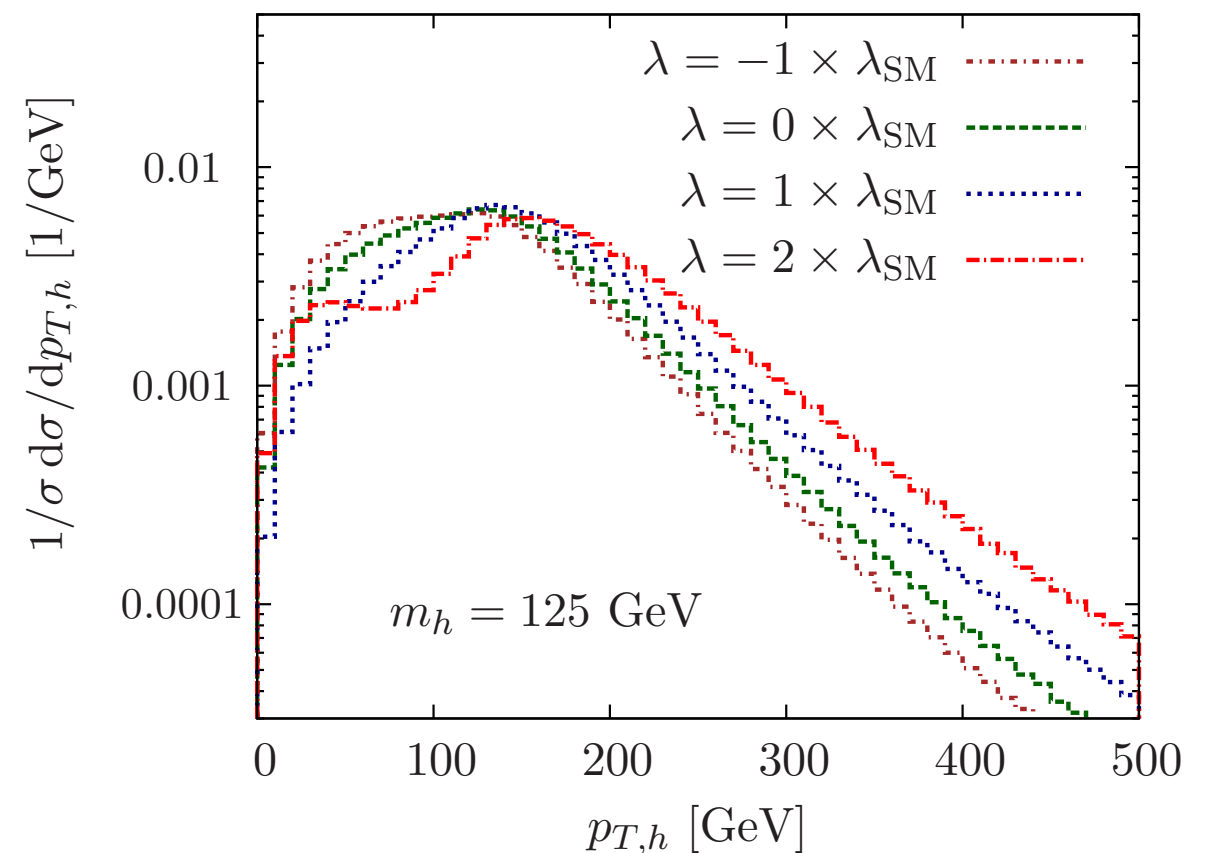
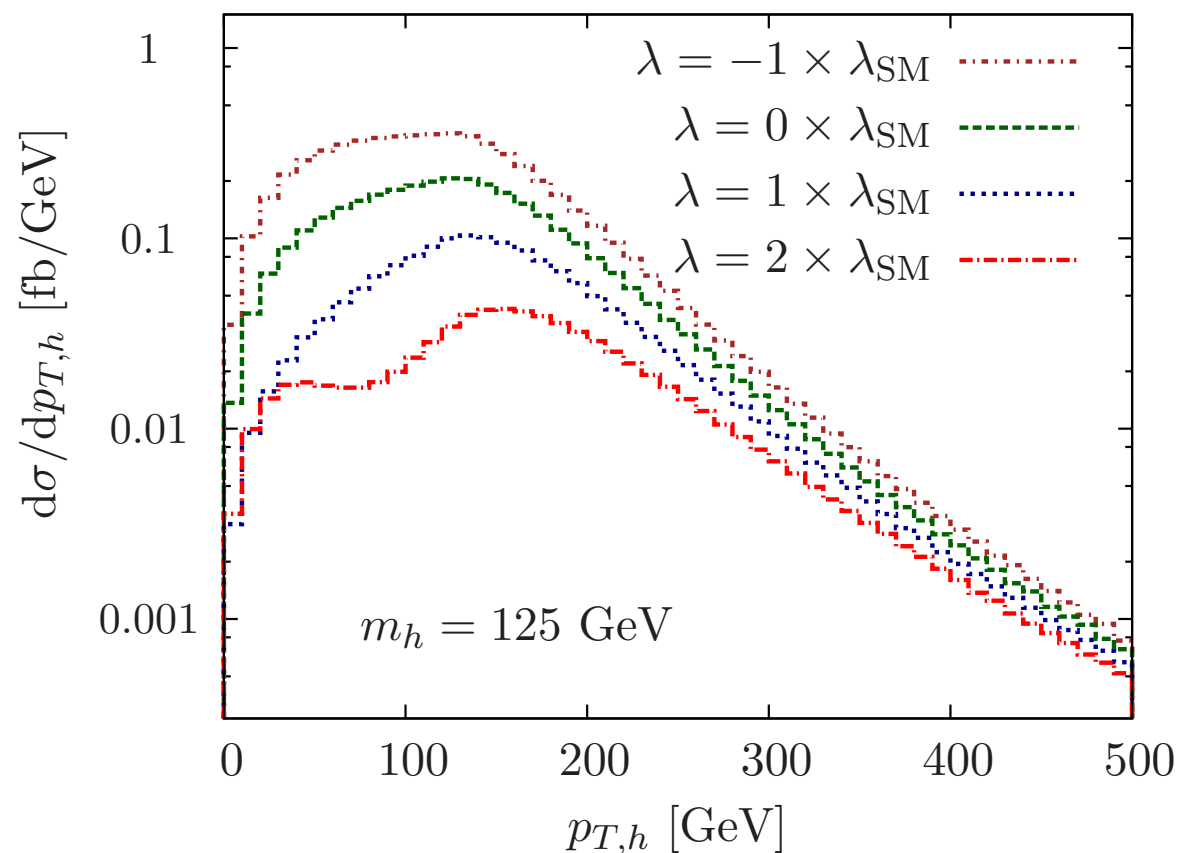
[Barr, Dolan, CE, Spannowsky `13]

[Dolan, CE, Greiner, Spannowsky `13]

destructive interference  
sensitive to modifications of

•  $b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ :  $1.3\sigma$  at 3/ab, limited statistics

[ATLAS PHYS-PUB 2014-19]



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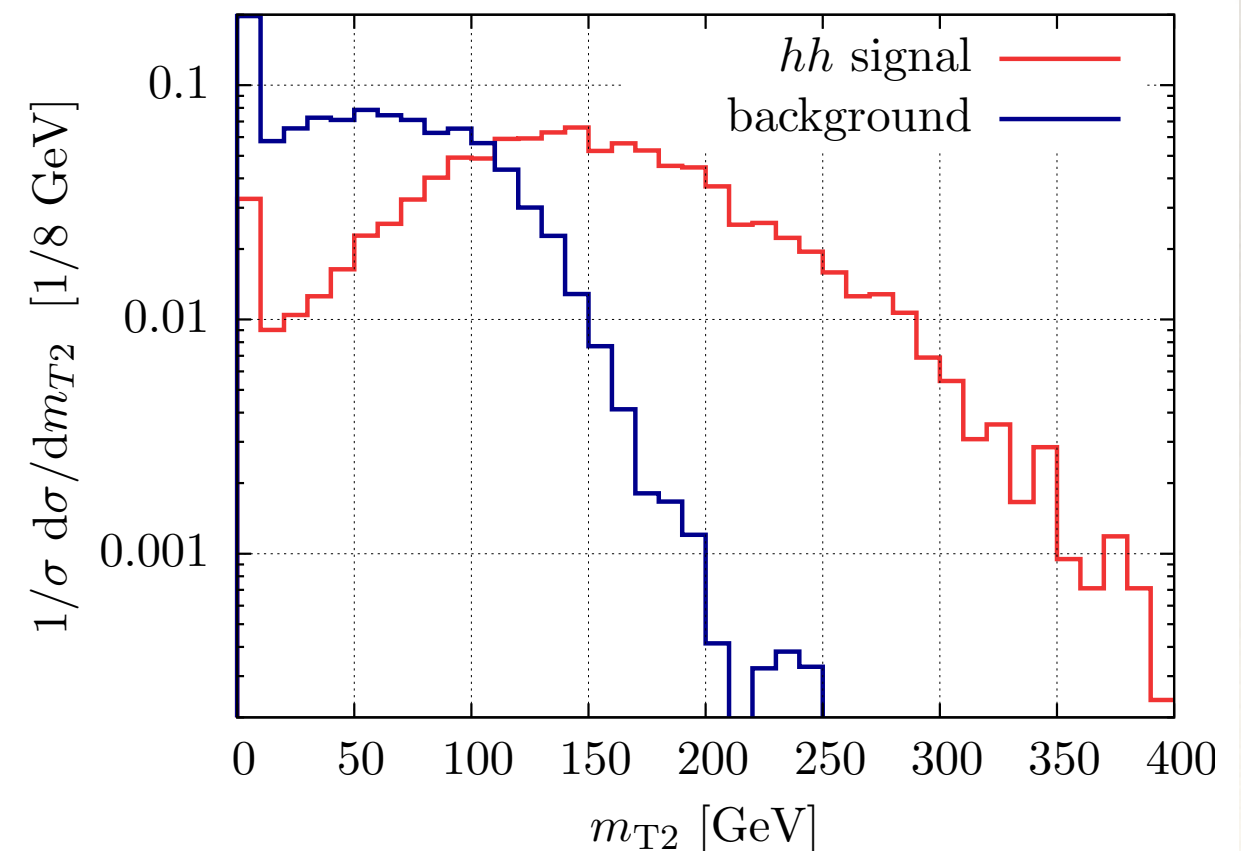
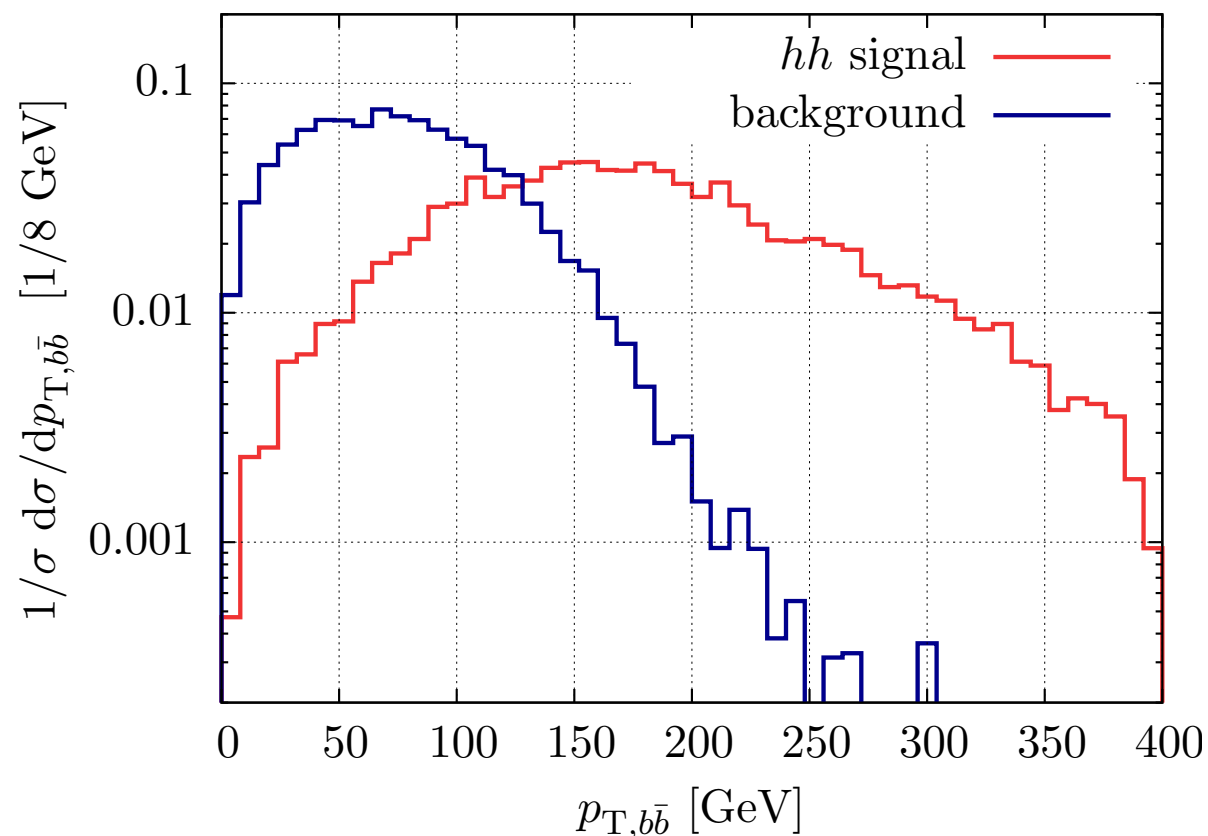
- large backgrounds, small signal, but feasible in  $b\bar{b}\tau\tau, b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$  ?
- boosted regime unavoidable for  $b\bar{b}\tau\tau$
- use complementarity of MT2 to tackle  $t\bar{t}$

[Dolan, CE, Spannowsky `12]

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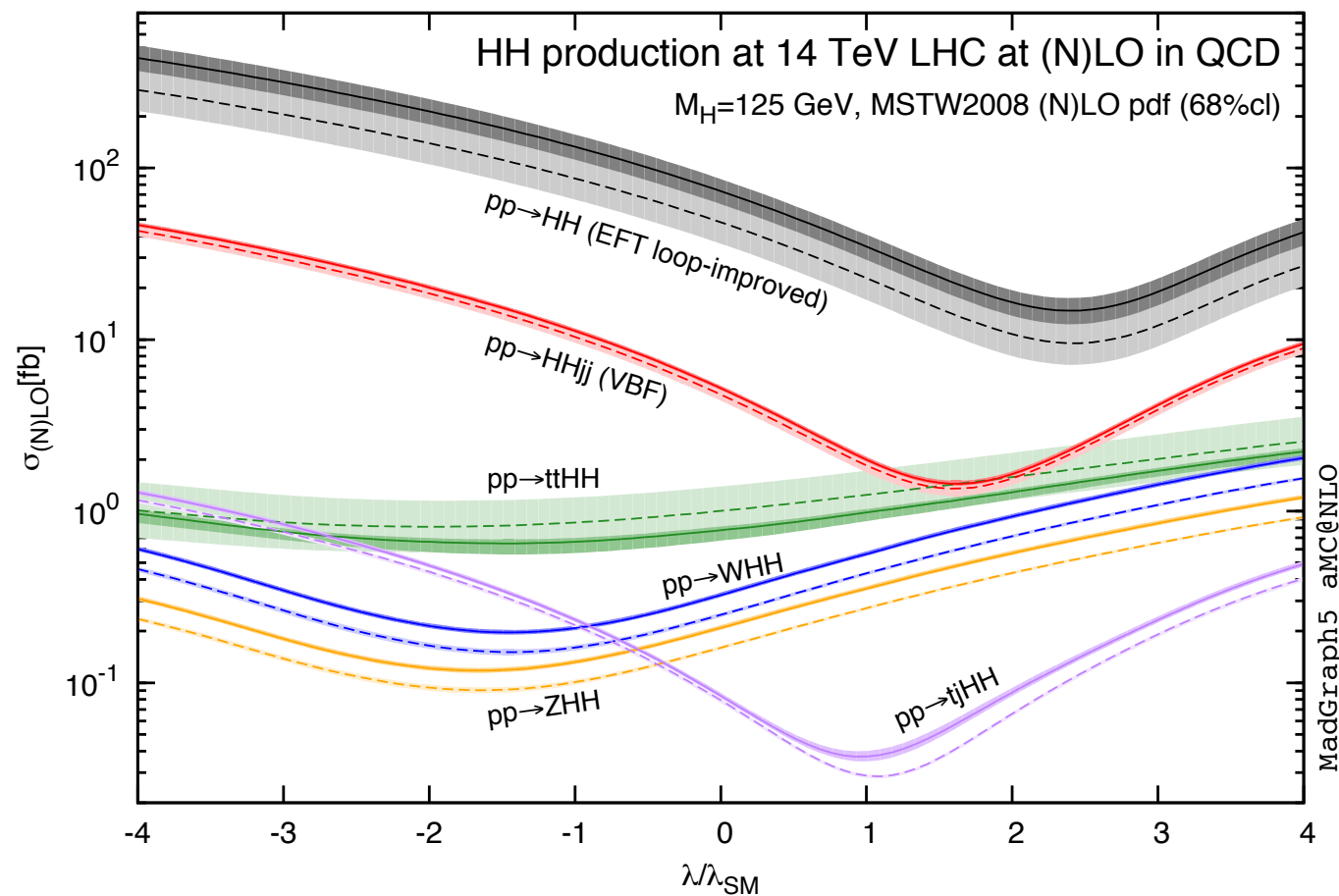
[Dolan, CE, Greiner, Spannowsky `13]

$\lambda > 1 \dots 3 \lambda_{\text{SM}}$  in  $b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$  for 3/ab





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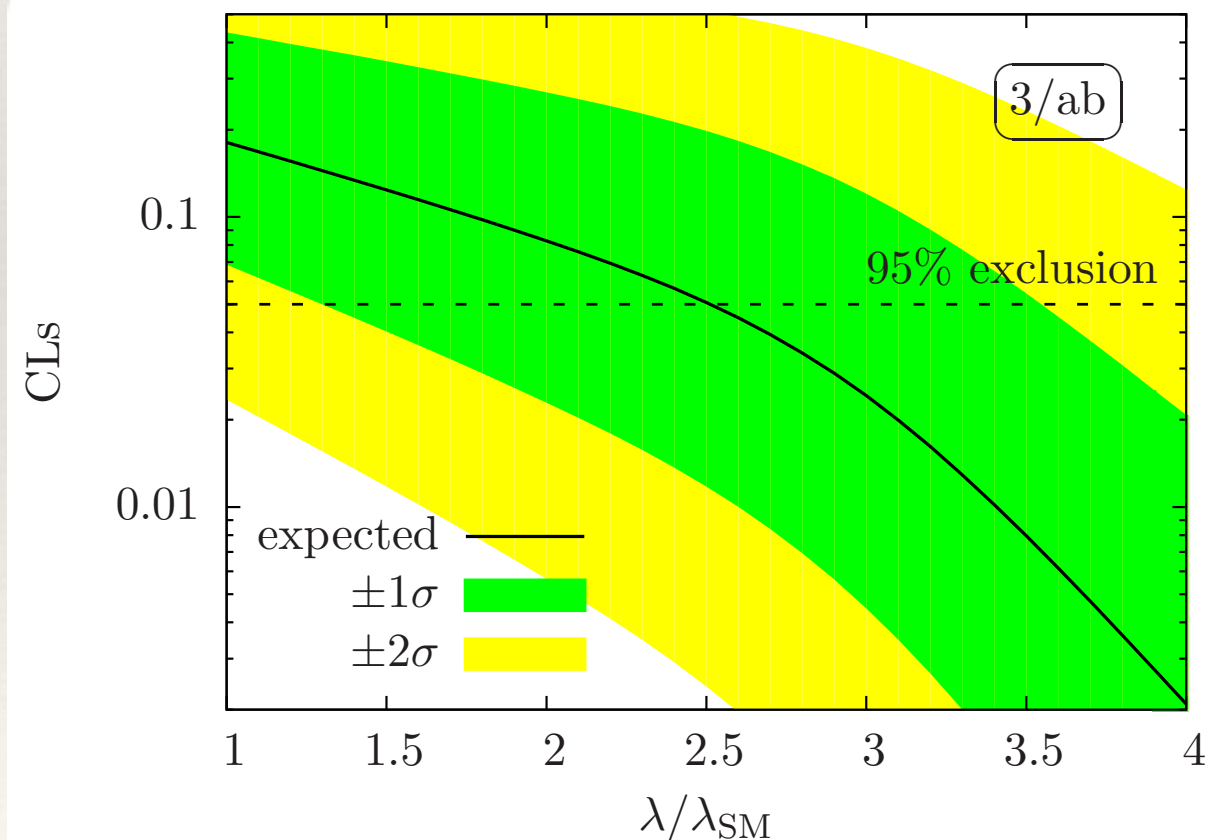


[Frederix, Frixione, Hirschi, Maltoni, et al. `14]

- multi-top and multi-Higgs adds complementary information !

[CE, Krauss, Spannowsky, Thompson `14]

[Liu, Zhang `14]



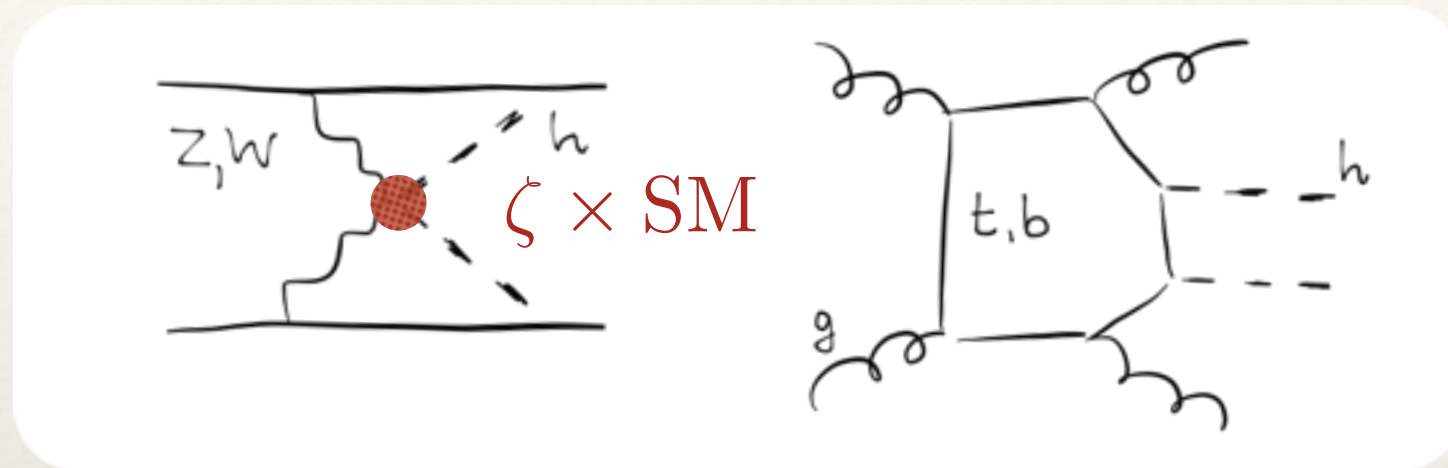
[CE, Krauss, Spannowsky, Thompson `14]

# The Higgs quartic gauge couplings

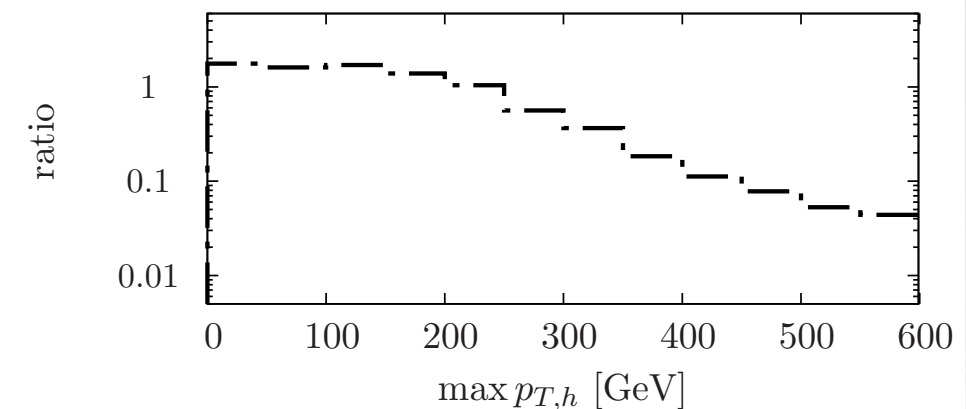
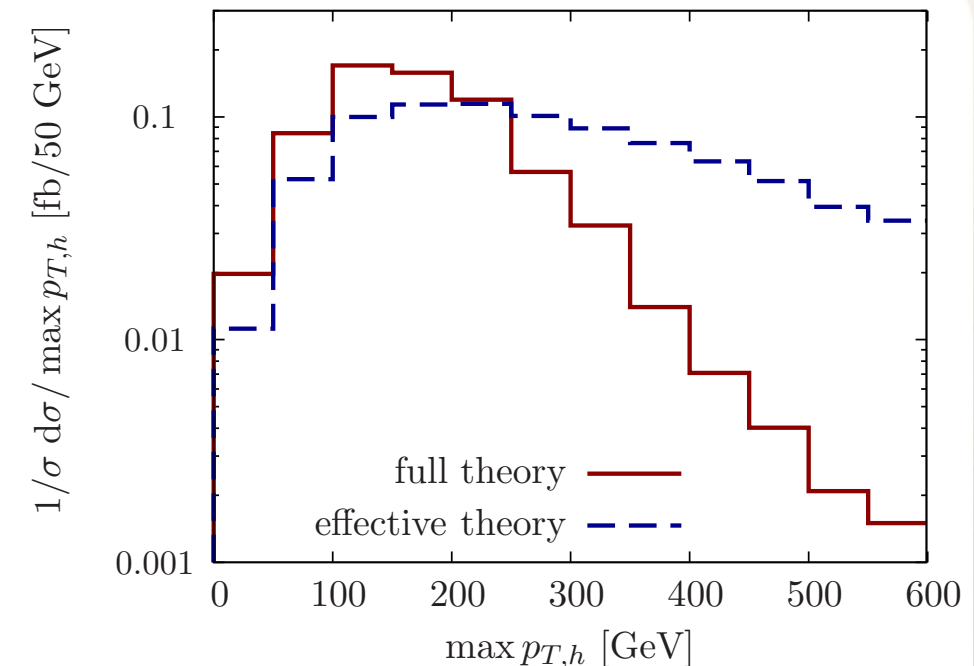
- directly accessible in WBF  $pp \rightarrow hhjj$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\text{fb})$  cross section

[Figy '08]

[Baglio, Djouadi, Gröber et al. '13]



- gluon fusion contribution beyond EFT is **key to this channel, legacy of trilinear!**



[Dolan, CE, Greiner, Spannowsky '13]

$b\bar{b}\tau\tau$	Signal with $\zeta \times \{g_{WWhh}, g_{ZZhh}\}$			Background	
	$\zeta = 0$	$\zeta = 1$	$\zeta = 2$	$t\bar{t}jj$	Other BG
tau selection cuts	1.353	0.091	0.841	3101.0	57.06
Higgs rec. from taus	1.352	0.091	0.840	683.5	31.92
Higgs rec. from $b$ jets	0.321	0.016	0.207	7.444	0.303
2 tag jets/re-weighting	0.184	0.010	0.126	5.284	0.236
incl. GF after cuts/re-weighting	0.273	0.099	0.214	5.284	0.236

[Dolan, CE, Greiner, Spannowsky '13]

*1/50...but can be improved significantly... 1/4*

[Dolan, CE, Greiner, Nordstrom, Spannowsky in prep.]

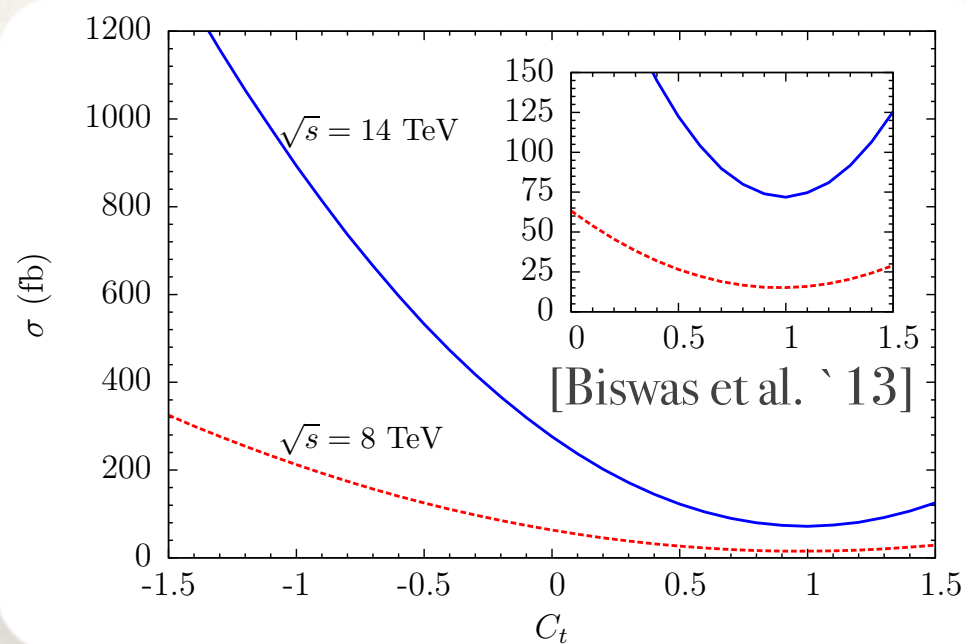


# model-independent top-Yukawa constraints

- of course  $t\bar{t}h$  production
- but also  $thj$  production

[Plehn, Salam, Spannowsky '10] [Soper, Spannowsky '12, '14]  
[Artoisenet et al. '13]

[Farina et al. '12] [Biswas et al. '13] [Ellis et al. '13]



- cross sections are small but highly sensitive through interference

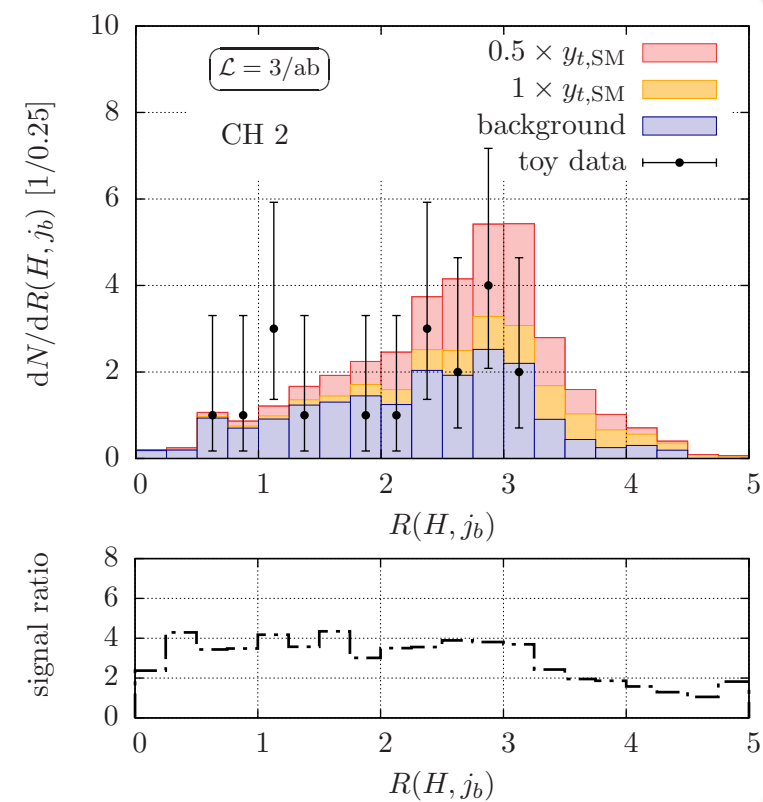
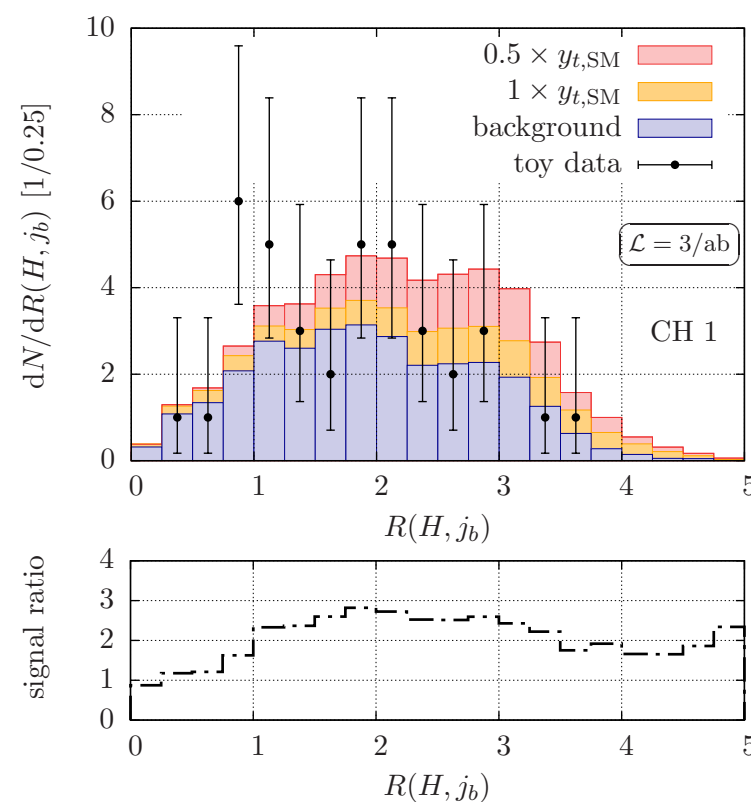
[Fisher, Becker, Kirkby '95]

- *somewhat* reminiscent of radiation zeros in  $W^\pm \gamma \rightsquigarrow \Delta y(tH) \sim 0$

- angular observables!

[CE, Re '14]

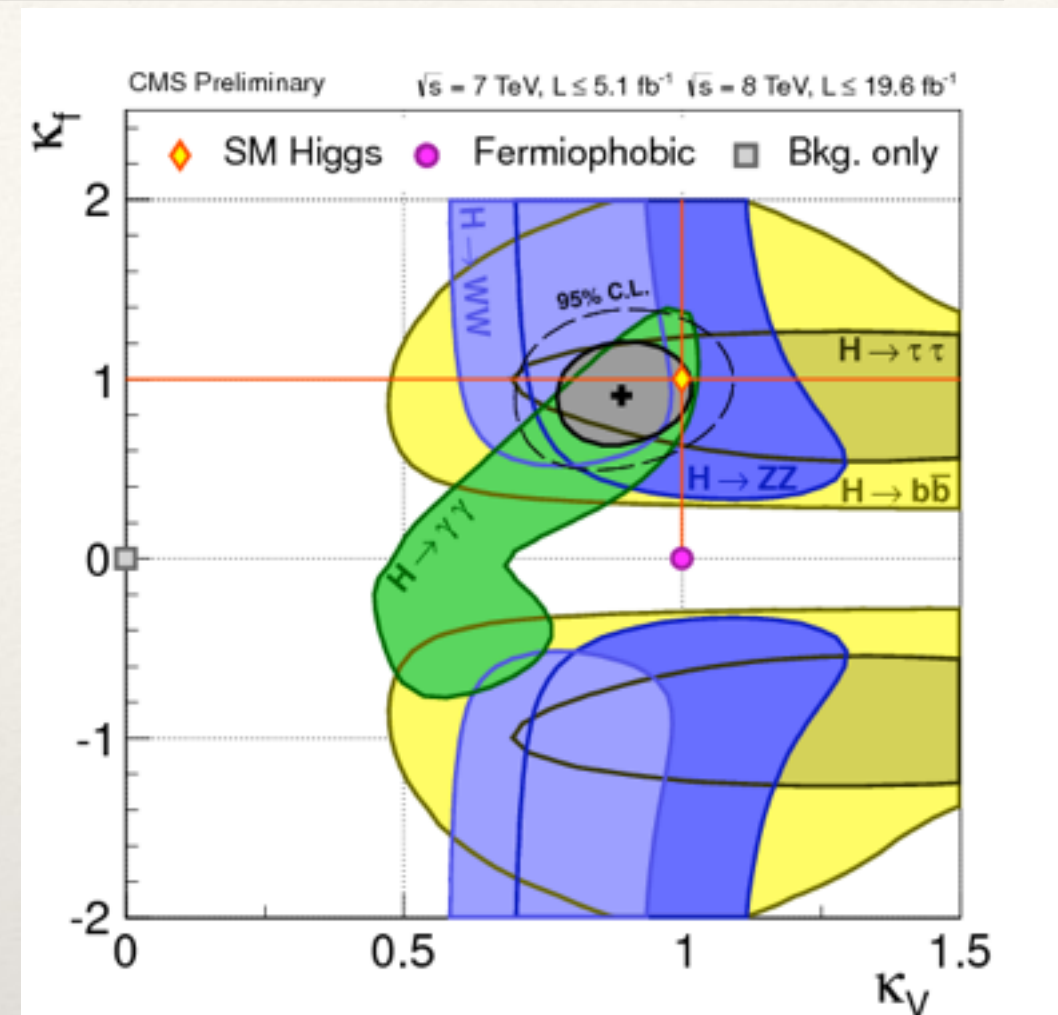
- even in rare (but clean!) final states  $c_t \gtrsim 0.5$  at 95..99% confidence level



# A bottom-up (B)SM Higgs programme

*coupling measurements are determined by*

1. unitarity
2. number of Higgs fields
3. gauge representation
4. experimental and theoretical extraction
5. mechanism of ELW symmetry breaking
6. spectrum through quantum effects



similar analyses by [Ellis, You '12]

[Masso, Sanz '12]

[Carmi, Falkowski, Kuflik, Volansky '12]

[Klute, Lafaye, Plehn, Rauch, Zerwas '12]

[Corbett, Eboli, Gonzalez-Fraile, et al. '12]

[Espinoza, Trott '12]

naturalness  
leaving footprints?





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## Summary & Conclusions

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- The Higgs sector and the Higgs interactions are the best places to look for BSM physics, there's a lot left to do
- **run II & HL-LHC** will give us more insights into the SM-likeness of the Higgs
  - exploit interference-induced sensitivity in fully differential measurements
  - high momentum transfers with reasonable statistics
  - more sensitive new resonance searches
  - there is already a case for 250 GeV linear collider for Higgs spectroscopy! ( $\rightarrow$  width & naturalness)