

Trilinear Higgs coupling: higher-order corrections and new constraints on BSM parameter spaces

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[arXiv:2202.03453](#) in collaboration with Henning Bahl and Georg Weiglein,
(as well as [arXiv:1903.05417](#) (PLB) and [1911.11507](#) (EPJC) in collaboration with Shinya Kanemura)

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Why study the Higgs trilinear coupling?

Probing the Higgs potential:

Since the Higgs discovery, the existence of the Higgs potential is confirmed, but at the moment we only know:

→ the location of the EW minimum:

$$v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

→ the curvature of the potential around the EW minimum:

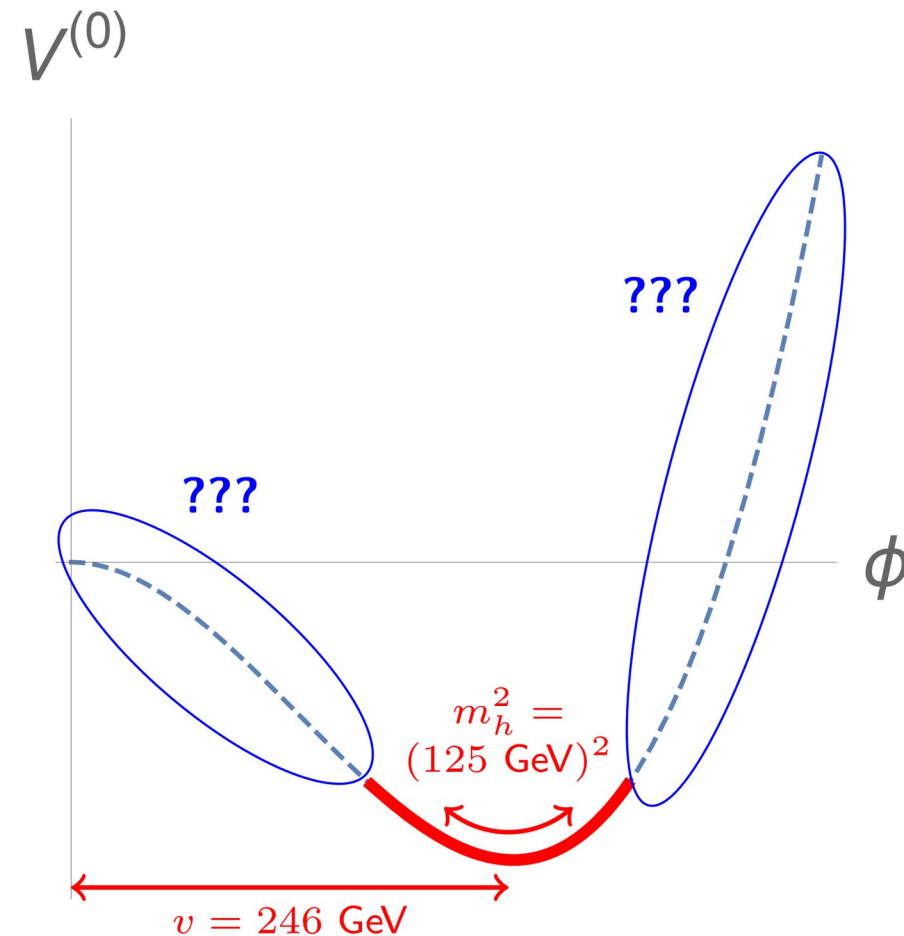
$$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$$

However we still don't know the **shape** of the potential, away from EW minimum → depends on λ_{hhh}

λ_{hhh} determines the nature of the EWPT

⇒ O(20%) deviation of λ_{hhh} from its SM prediction needed to have a strongly first-order EWPT → necessary for EWBG [Grojean, Servant, Wells '04], [Kanemura, Okada, Senaha '04]

New in this talk: studying λ_{hhh} can also serve to constrain the parameter space of BSM models!



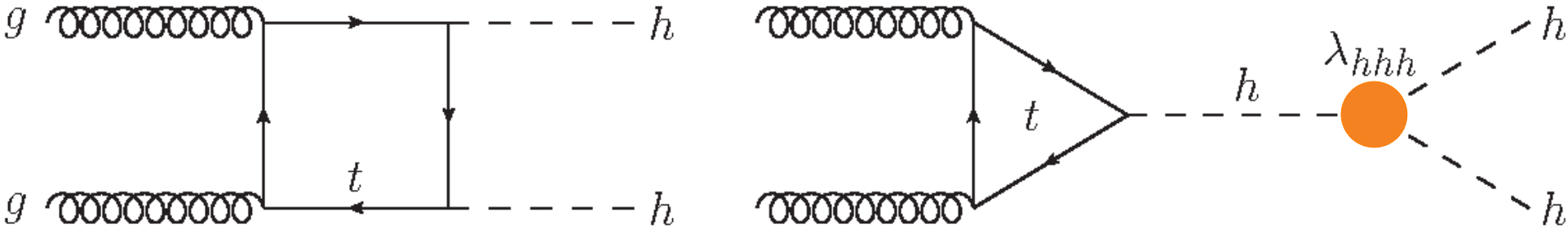
Outline of the talk

- ▷ Why study the Higgs trilinear coupling? ✓
- ▷ Constraining λ_{hhh} with experimental searches
- ▷ Computing λ_{hhh} in BSM models: an aligned 2HDM as a concrete example
- ▷ Using λ_{hhh} to constrain the parameter space of BSM models
- ▷ Conclusions

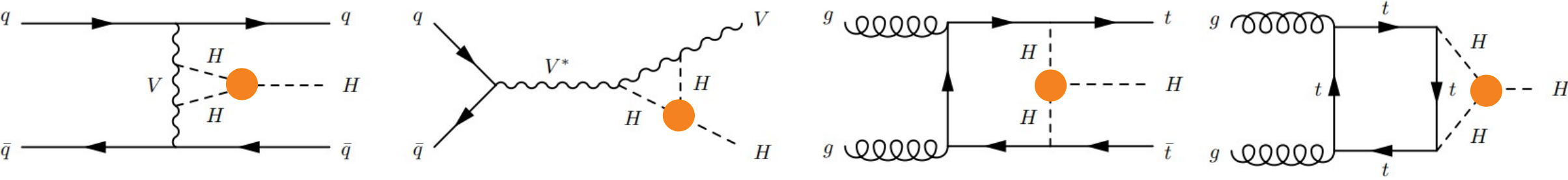
Constraining λ_{hhh}

Current methods to constrain λ_{hhh}

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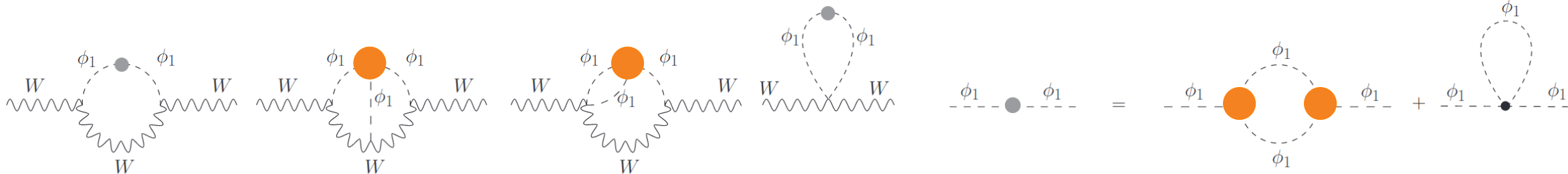


➤ **Single-Higgs production** → λ_{hhh} enters at NLO



[ATLAS-CONF-2019-049]

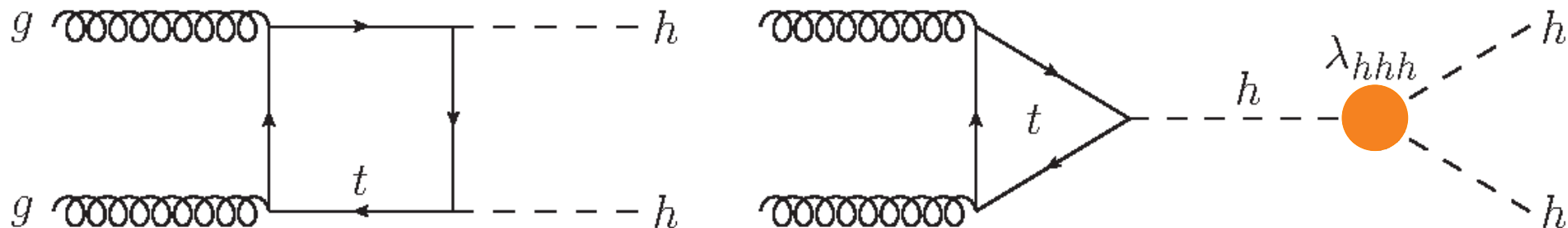
➤ **Electroweak Precision Observables (EWPOs)** → λ_{hhh} enters at NNLO



[Degrassi, Fedele, Giardino '17]

Accessing λ_{hhh} via double-Higgs production

- Double-Higgs production $\rightarrow \lambda_{hhh}$ enters at LO \rightarrow most direct probe of λ_{hhh}



- Box and triangle diagrams **interfere destructively**

\rightarrow small prediction in SM

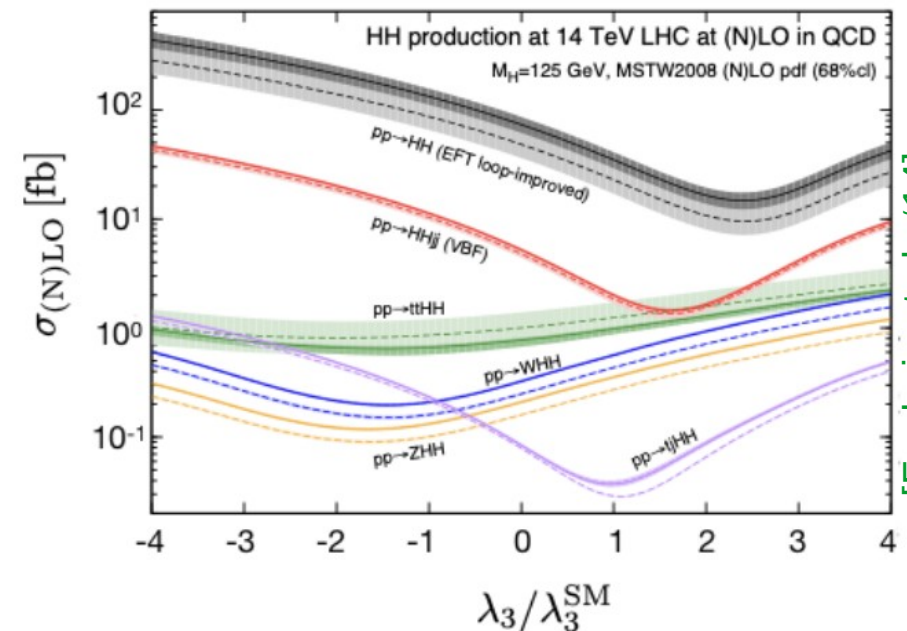
\rightarrow BSM deviation in λ_{hhh} can **significantly alter**

hh-production!

- Upper limit on hh-production cross-section \rightarrow **limits on**

$$\kappa_\lambda \equiv \lambda_{hhh} / (\lambda_{hhh}^{(0)})^{\text{SM}}$$

- κ_λ as an effective coupling $\rightarrow \mathcal{L} \supset -\kappa_\lambda \times \frac{3m_h^2}{v^2} \cdot h^3 + \dots$



[Frederix et al., '14]

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Recent results from ATLAS hh-searches [ATLAS-CONF-2021-052] yield the limits:

$$-1.0 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6 \text{ at 95\% C.L.}$$

\rightarrow factor ~ 2 improvement compared to previously best ATLAS limits (from single-h prod.)

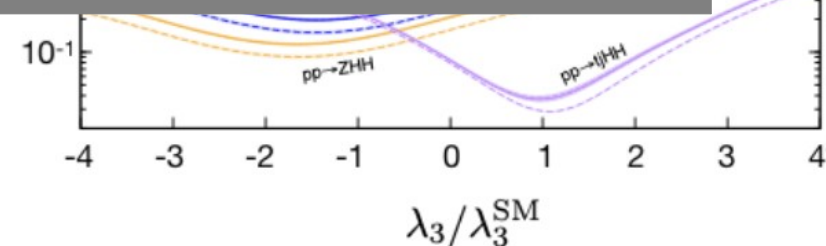
$$-3.2 < \kappa_\lambda < 11.9 \text{ at 95\% C.L. [ATLAS-PHYS-PUB-2019-009]}$$

(CMS recently gave $-2.3 < \kappa_\lambda < 9.4$ at 95% C.L. [CMS-HIG-20-005])

- Box
- \rightarrow sr
- \rightarrow B
- hh-p
- Upper
- $\kappa_\lambda \equiv \lambda$

\rightarrow Can κ_λ now be used to constrain the parameter space of BSM models?

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BSM contributions to λ_{hhh}

The Two-Higgs-Doublet Model

- 2 $SU(2)_L$ doublets $\Phi_{1,2}$ of hypercharge $1/2$
- CP-conserving 2HDM, with softly-broken Z_2 symmetry ($\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Phi_1, \Phi_2 \rightarrow -\Phi_2$) to avoid tree-level FCNCs

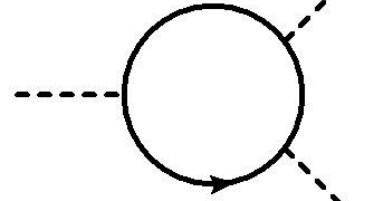
$$V_{2\text{HDM}}^{(0)} = m_1^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + m_2^2 |\Phi_2|^2 - m_3^2 (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1 + \Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) \\ + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |\Phi_1|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |\Phi_2|^4 + \lambda_3 |\Phi_1|^2 |\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left((\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right) \\ v_1^2 + v_2^2 = v^2 = (246 \text{ GeV})^2$$

- **Mass eigenstates:**
 h, H: CP-even Higgs bosons ($h \rightarrow 125\text{-GeV SM-like state}$); A: CP-odd Higgs boson;
 H^\pm : charged Higgs boson; α : CP-even Higgs mixing angle
- **BSM parameters:** 3 BSM masses m_H, m_A, m_{H^\pm} , BSM mass scale M (defined by $M^2 \equiv 2m_3^2/s_{2\beta}$), angles α and β (defined by $\tan\beta = v_2/v_1$)
- **BSM-scalar masses** take form $m_\Phi^2 = M^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_\Phi v^2, \quad \Phi \in \{H, A, H^\pm\}$
- We take the **alignment limit $\alpha = \beta - \pi/2$** \rightarrow all Higgs couplings are SM-like at tree level
 \rightarrow compatible with current experimental data!

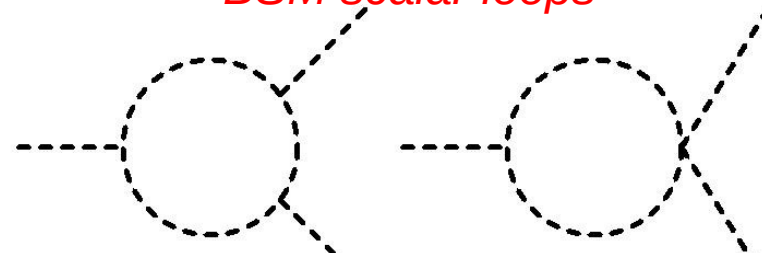
One-loop non-decoupling effects

- Leading one-loop corrections to λ_{hhh} in models with extended sectors (like 2HDM):

SM top quark loop



BSM scalar loops



$$\delta^{(1)} \lambda_{hhh} \supset \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[-\frac{48m_t^4}{v^3} + \sum_{\Phi} \frac{4n_{\Phi}m_{\Phi}^4}{v^3} \left(1 - \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m_{\Phi}^2} \right)^3 \right]$$

First found in 2HDM:
[Kanemura, Kiyoura,
Okada, Senaha, Yuan '02]

\mathcal{M} : BSM mass scale, e.g. soft breaking scale M of Z_2 symmetry in 2HDM

n_{Φ} : # of d.o.f of field Φ

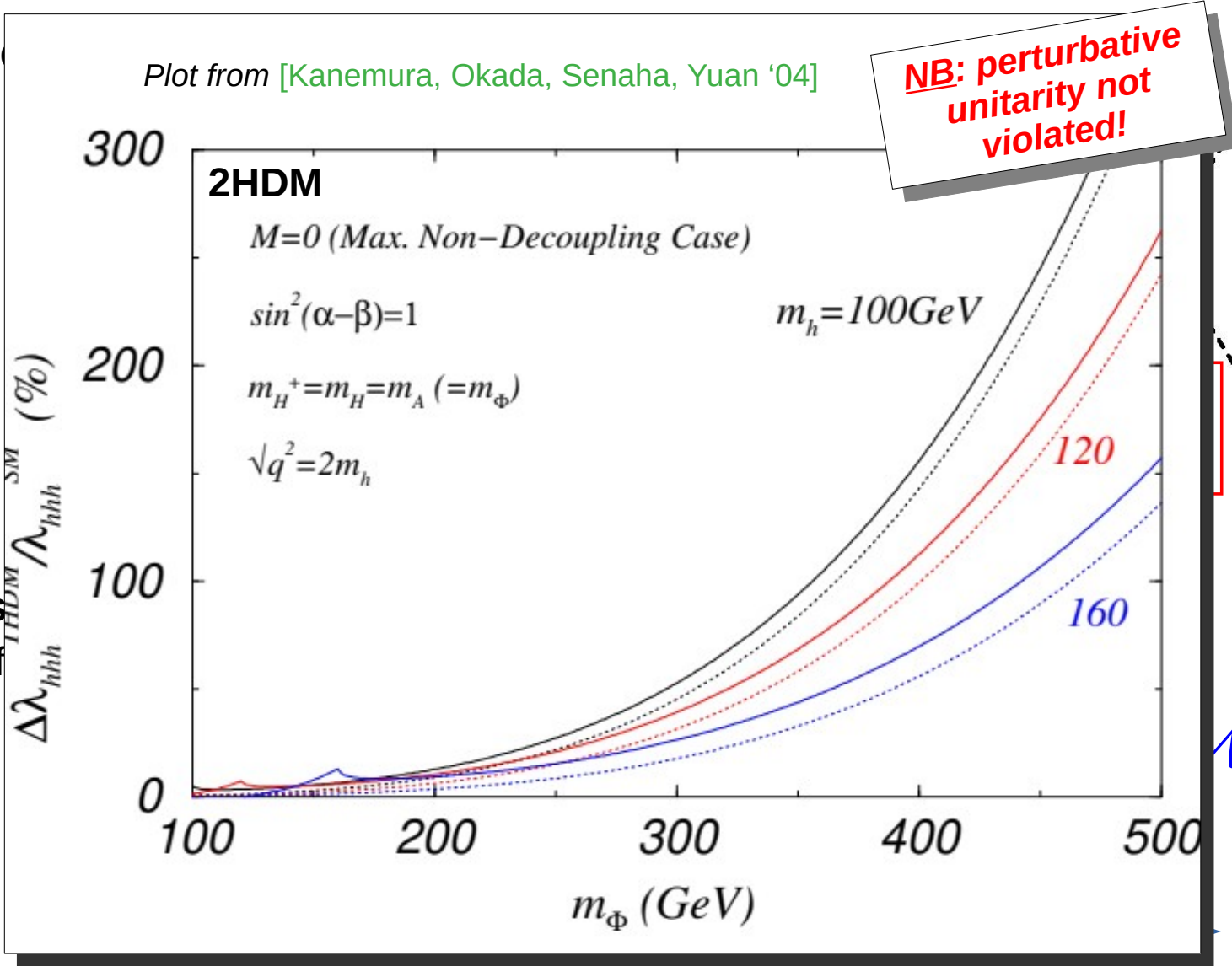
- Size of new effects depends on how the BSM scalars acquire their mass: $m_{\Phi}^2 = \mathcal{M}^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_{\Phi} v^2$

$$\left(1 - \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{m_{\Phi}^2} \right)^3 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } \mathcal{M}^2 \gg \tilde{\lambda}_{\Phi} v^2 \\ 1, & \text{for } \mathcal{M}^2 \ll \tilde{\lambda}_{\Phi} v^2 \end{cases}$$

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[JB, Kanemura '19]

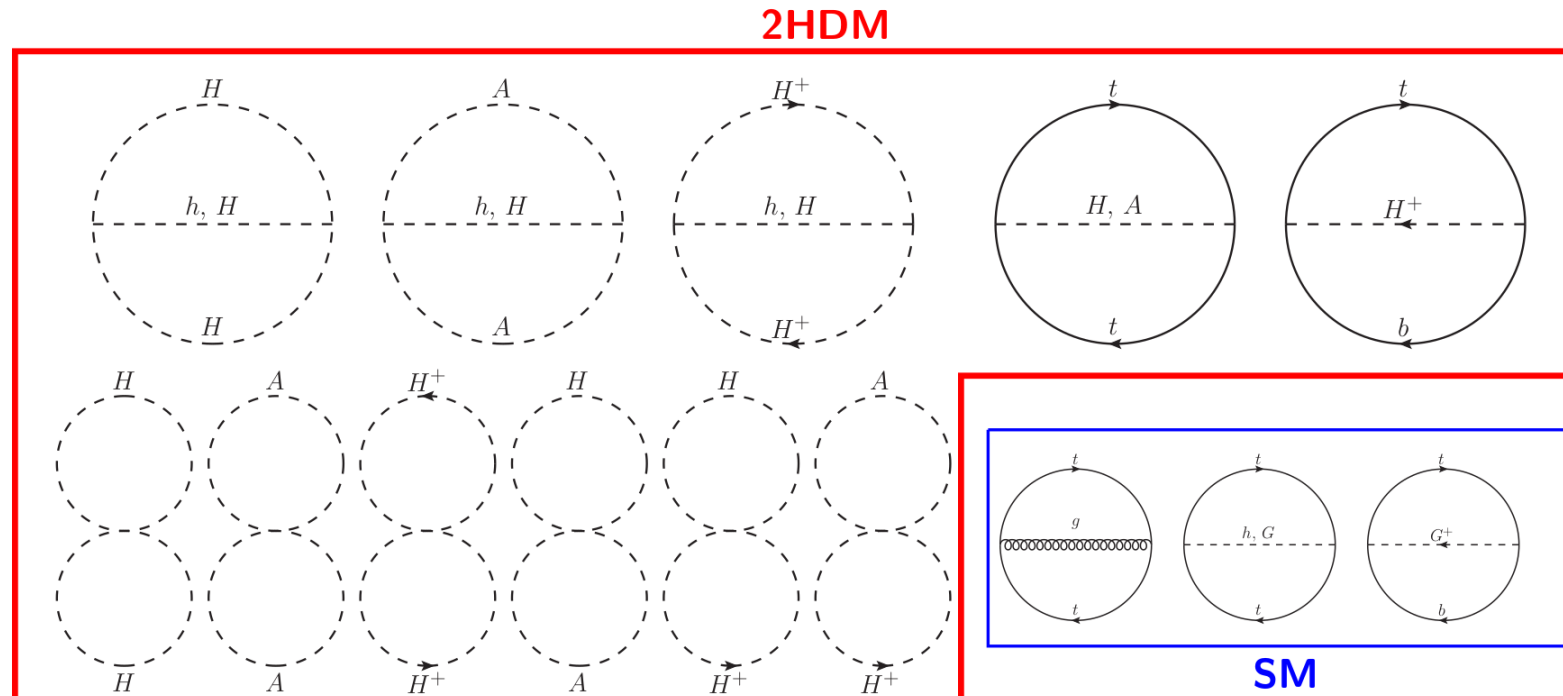
➤ **Step 1:** compute $V_{\text{eff}} = V^{(0)} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} V^{(1)} + \frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} V^{(2)}$ ($\overline{\text{MS}}$ result)

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➤ **Step 2:** derive an effective trilinear coupling

$$\lambda_{hhh} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial^3 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial h^3} \right|_{\text{min.}} = \frac{3[M_h^2]_{V_{\text{eff}}}}{v} + \left[\frac{\partial^3}{\partial h^3} - \frac{3}{v} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial h^2} - \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \right) \right] \Delta V \Big|_{\text{min.}}$$

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*Express tree-level
result in terms of
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➤ **Step 3:** conversion from $\overline{\text{MS}}$ to OS scheme

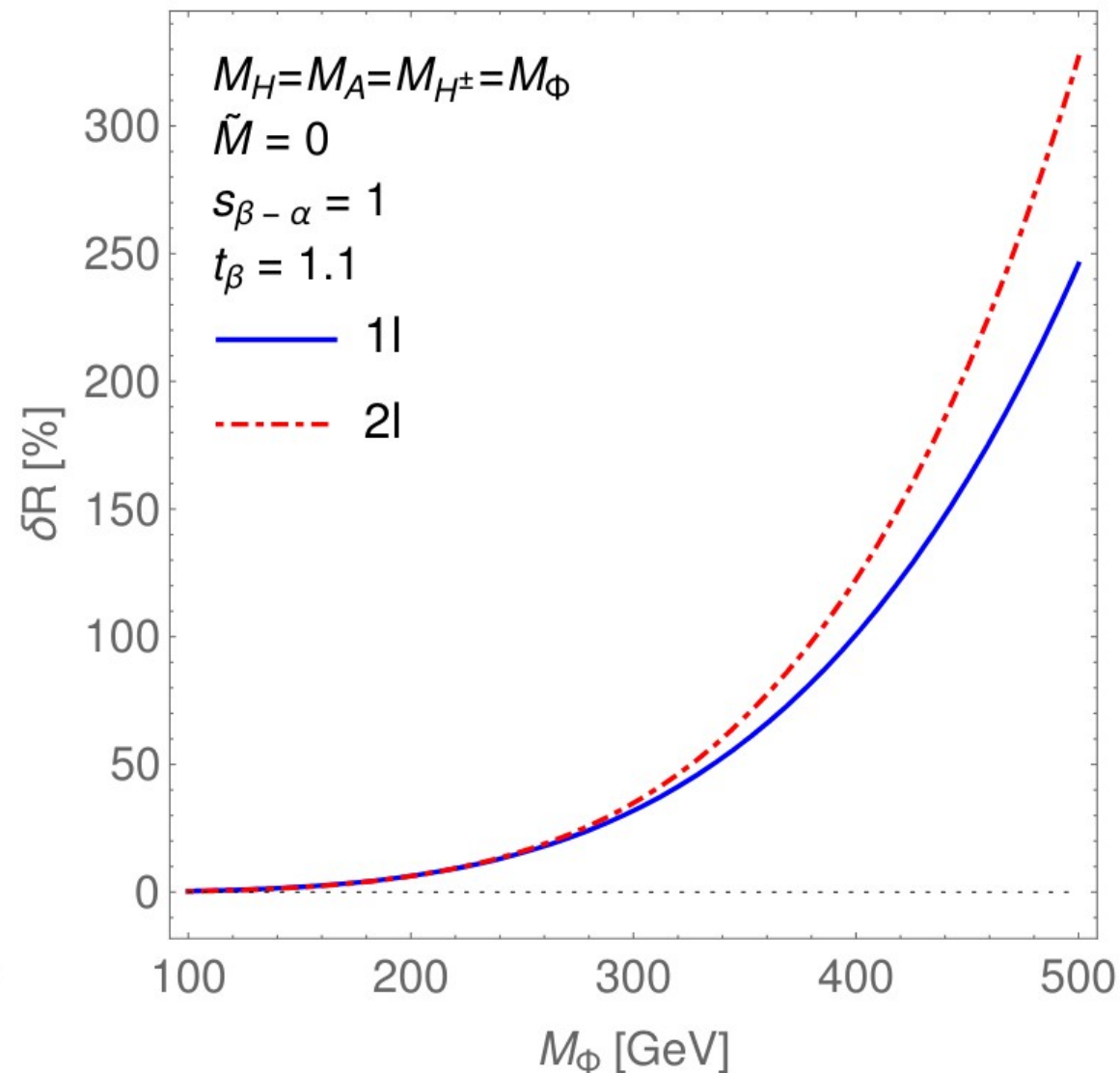
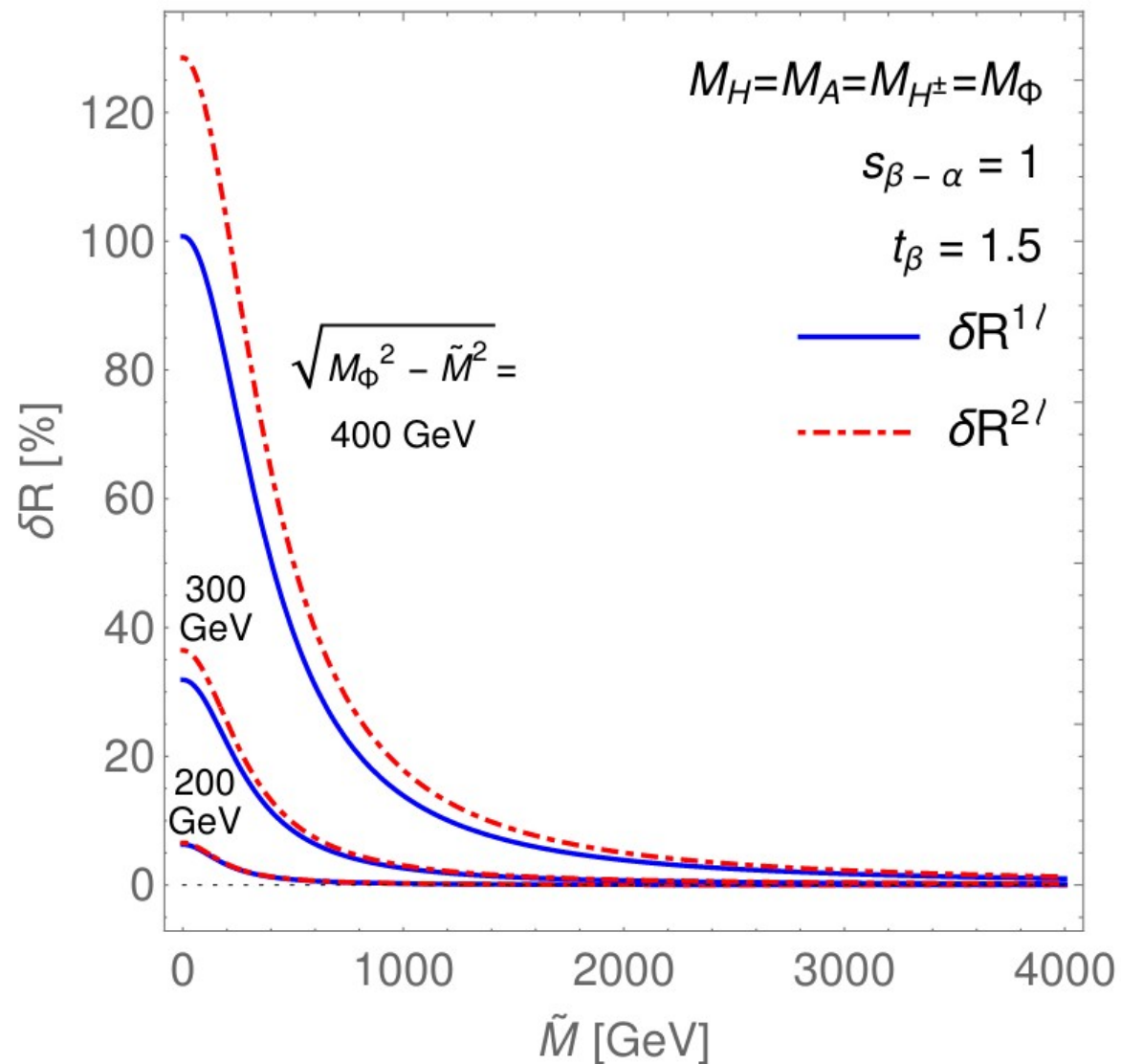
→ Express result in terms of **pole masses**: M_t, M_h, M_Φ ($\Phi=H,A,H^\pm$); OS Higgs VEV $v_{\text{phys}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{2}G_F}}$

→ Include **finite WFR**: $\hat{\lambda}_{hhh} = (Z_h^{\text{OS}} / Z_h^{\overline{\text{MS}}})^{3/2} \lambda_{hhh}$

→ Prescription for M to ensure **proper decoupling** with $M_\Phi^2 = \tilde{M}^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_\Phi v^2$ and $\tilde{M} \rightarrow \infty$

Our results

[JB, Kanemura '19]



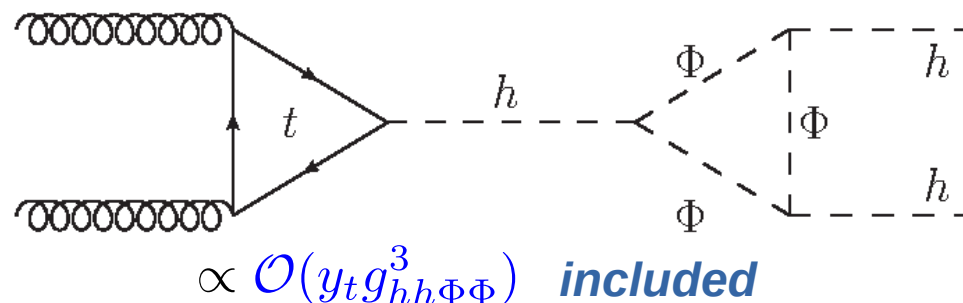
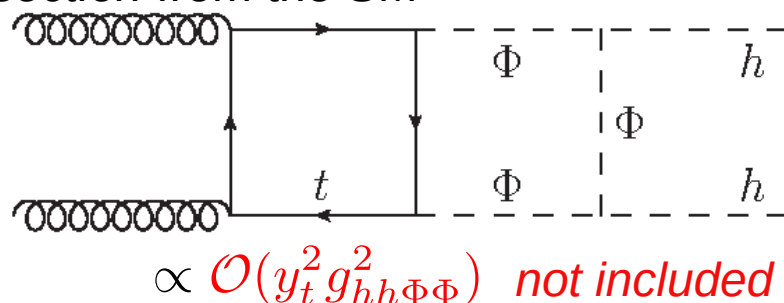
Constraining the 2HDM with λ_{hhh}

- i. Can we apply the limits on κ_λ , extracted from experimental searches for double-Higgs production, for BSM models?*

- ii. Can large BSM deviations occur for points still allowed in light of theoretical and experimental constraints? If so, how large can they become?*

Can we apply hh-production results for the aligned 2HDM?

- What are the *assumptions* for the ATLAS limits $-1.0 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6$ [ATLAS-CONF-2021-052] ?
 - All other Higgs couplings (to fermions, gauge bosons) are SM-like
 - this **ensured by the alignment** ✓
 - The modification of λ_{hh} is the only source of deviation of the *non-resonant Higgs-pair production cross section* from the SM



→ We **correctly include all leading BSM effects to double-Higgs production, in powers of $g_{hh\Phi\Phi}$, up to NNLO!** ✓

- **We can apply the ATLAS limits to our setting!**

(Note: BSM resonant Higgs-pair production cross section also suppressed at LO, thanks to alignment)

A parameter scan in the aligned 2HDM

[Bahl, JB, Weiglein 2202.03453]

- Our strategy:
 1. **Scan BSM parameter space**, keeping only points passing various theoretical and experimental constraints (see *below*)
 2. Identify regions with **large BSM deviations in λ_{hhh}**
 3. Devise a **benchmark scenario** allowing large deviations and investigate impact of experimental limit on λ_{hhh}
- *Here*: we consider an **aligned 2HDM of type-I**, but similar results expected for other 2HDM types, or other BSM models with extended Higgs sectors
- Constraints in our parameter scan:
 - SM-like Higgs measurements with HiggsSignals
 - Direct searches for BSM scalars with HiggsBounds
 - b-physics constraints, using results from [Gfitter group 1803.01853]
 - Vacuum stability
 - Boundedness-from-below of the potential
 - EW precision observables, computed at two loops with THDM_EWPOS [Hessenberger, Hollik '16]
 - NLO perturbative unitarity, using results from [Grinstein et al. 1512.04567], [Cacchio et al. 1609.01290]
- For points passing these constraints, we compute κ_λ at 1L and 2L, using results from [JB, Kanemura '19]

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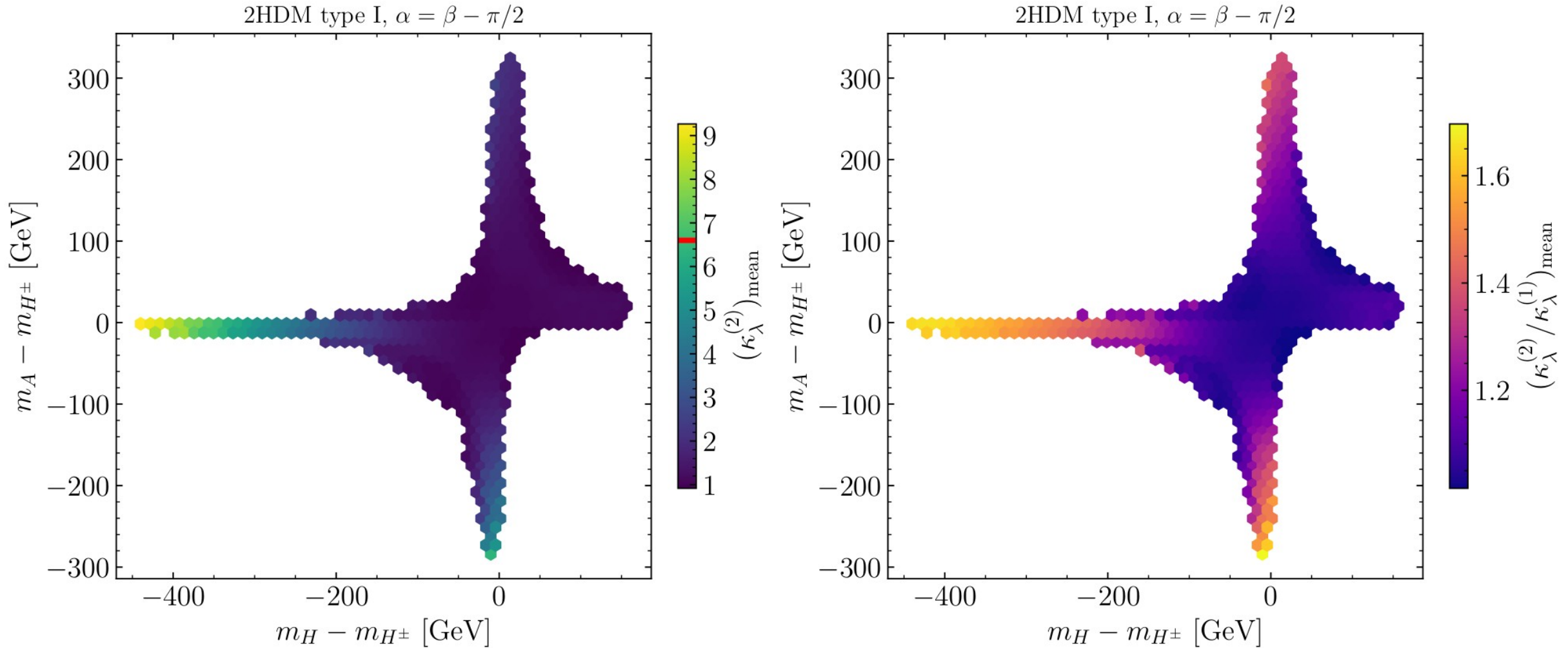
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Parameter scan results

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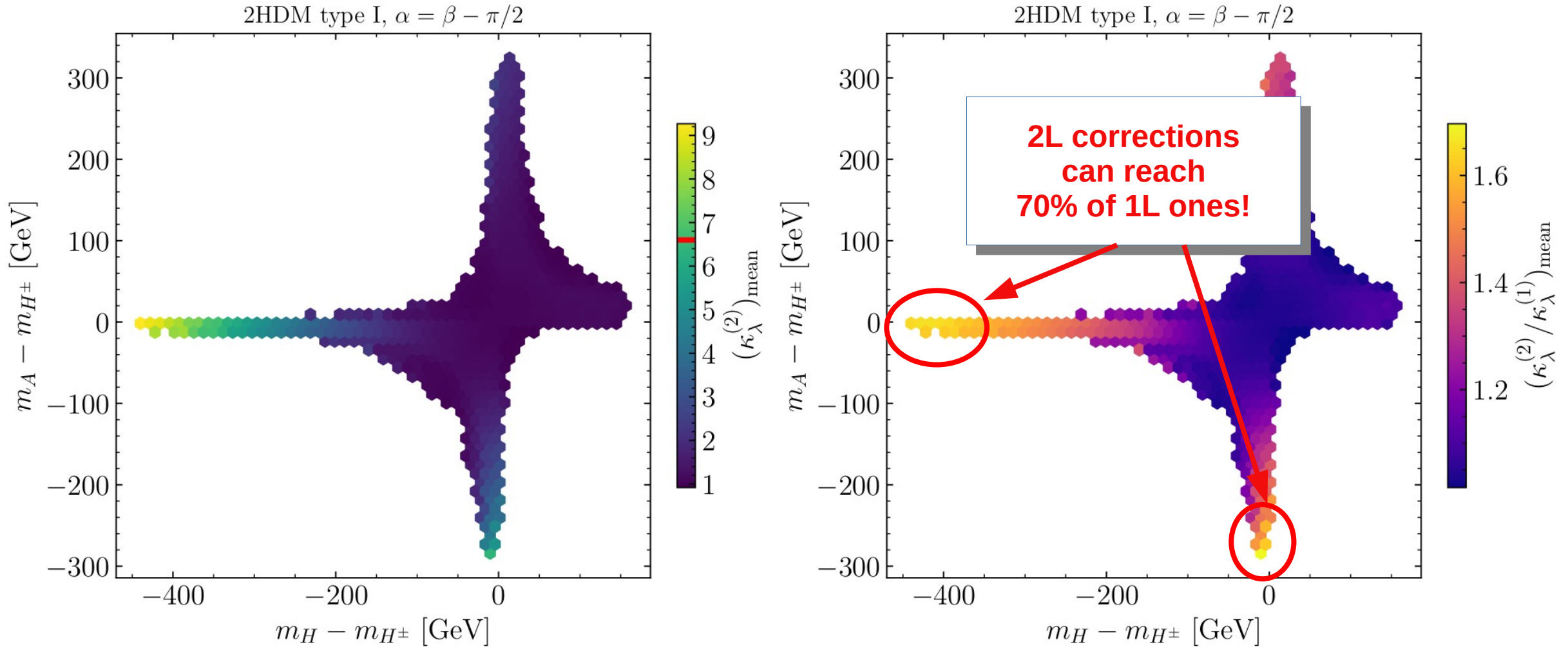


NB: all previously mentioned constraints are fulfilled by the points shown here

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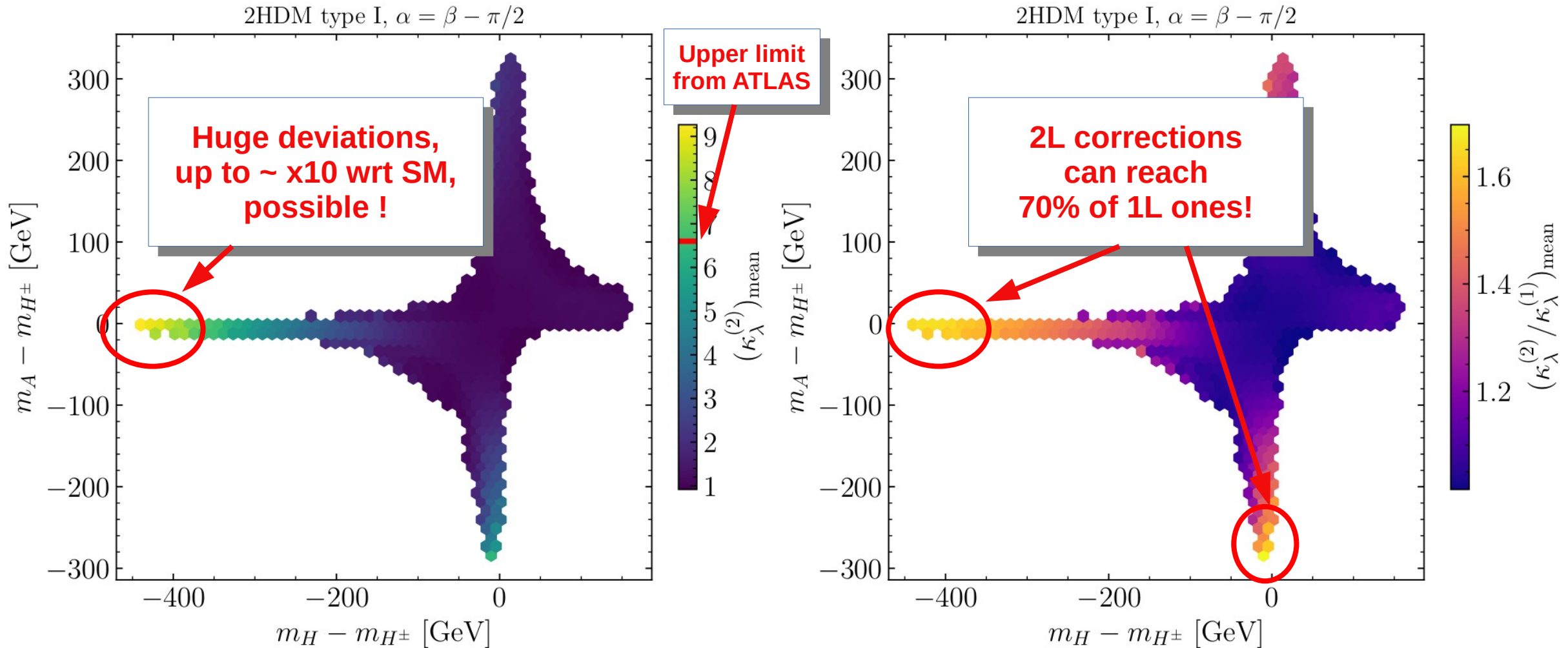


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- Huge enhancements** (by a factor ~ 10) of λ_{hhh} possible for $m_A \sim m_{H^\pm}$ and $m_H \sim M$

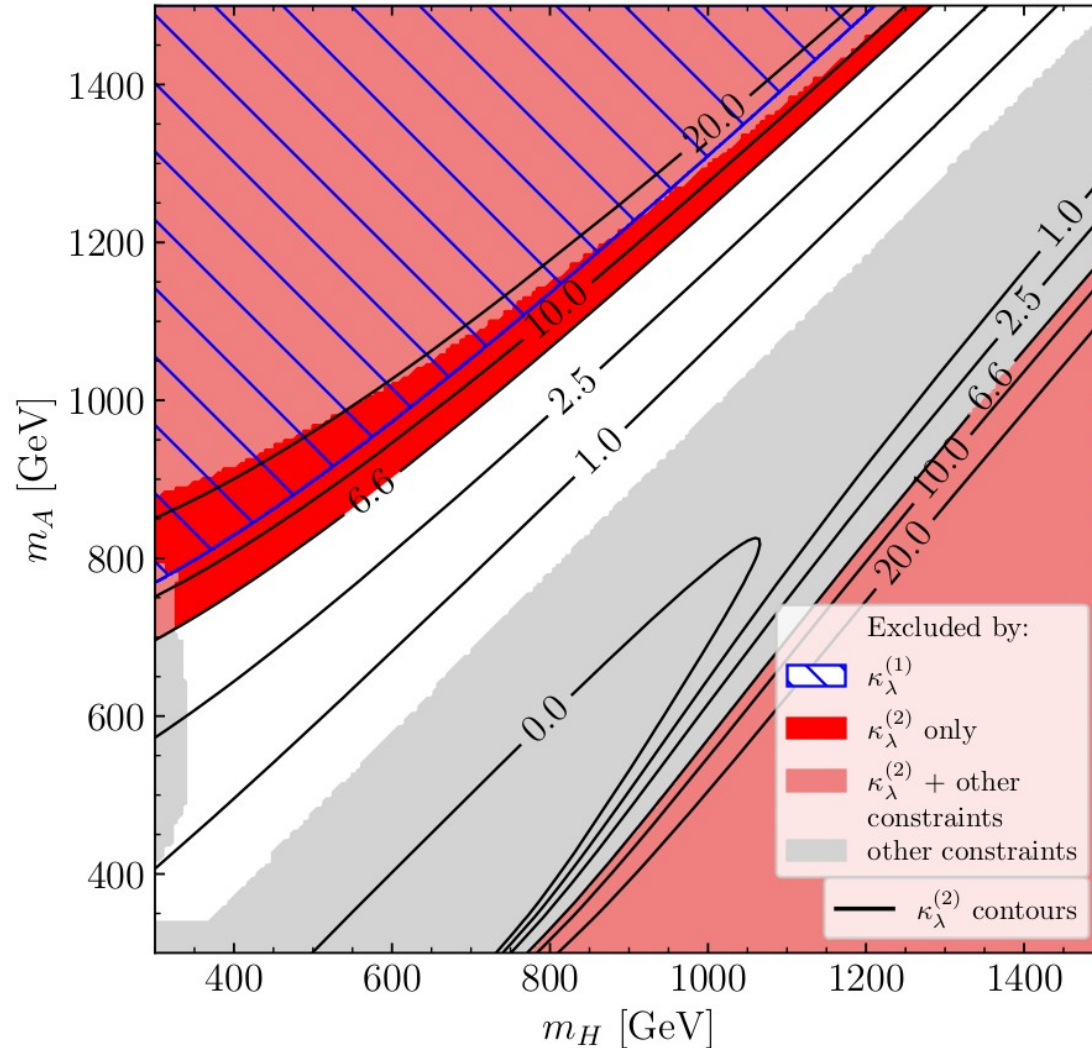
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Results shown for aligned 2HDM of type-I, similar for other types (*available in backup*)

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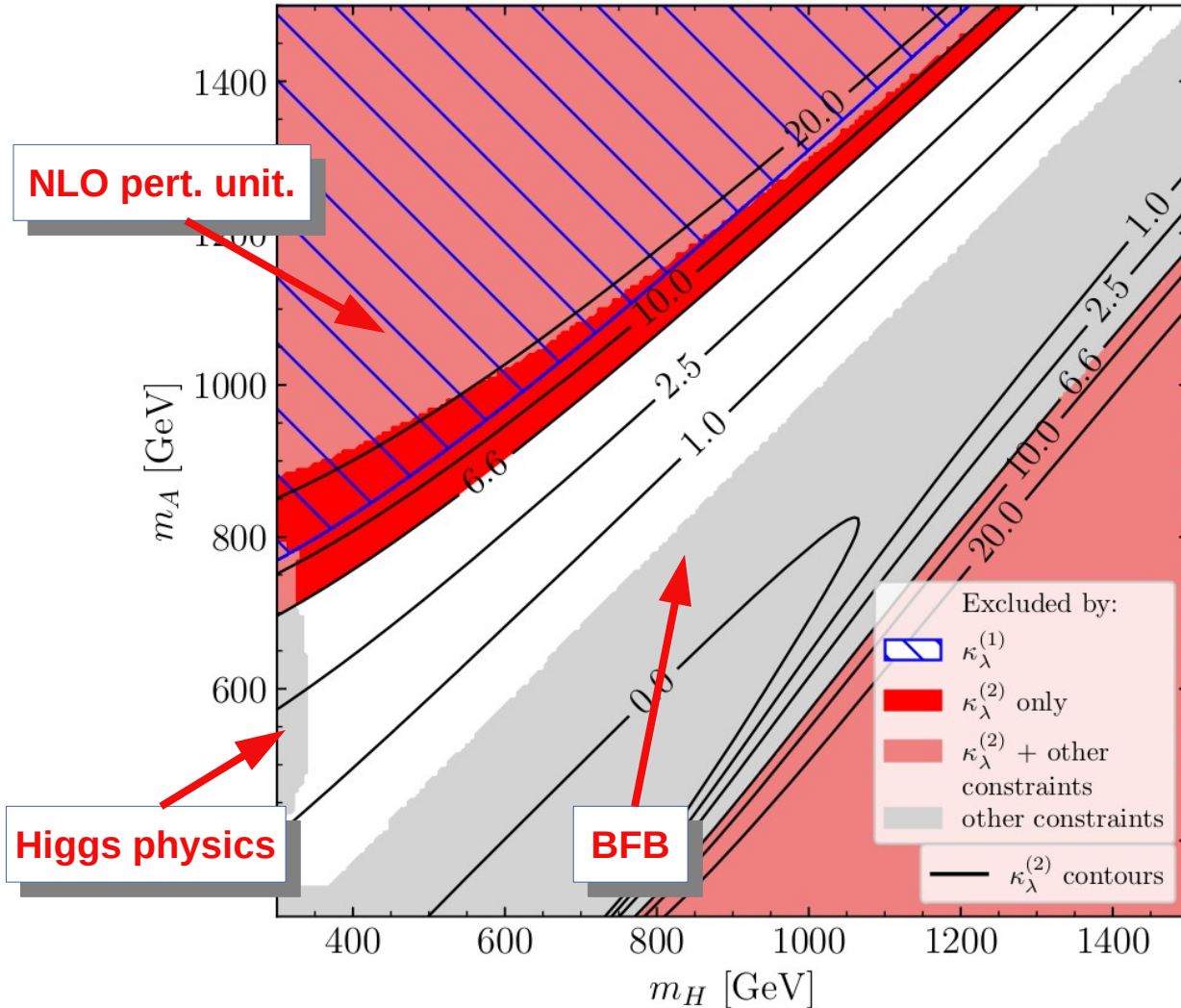
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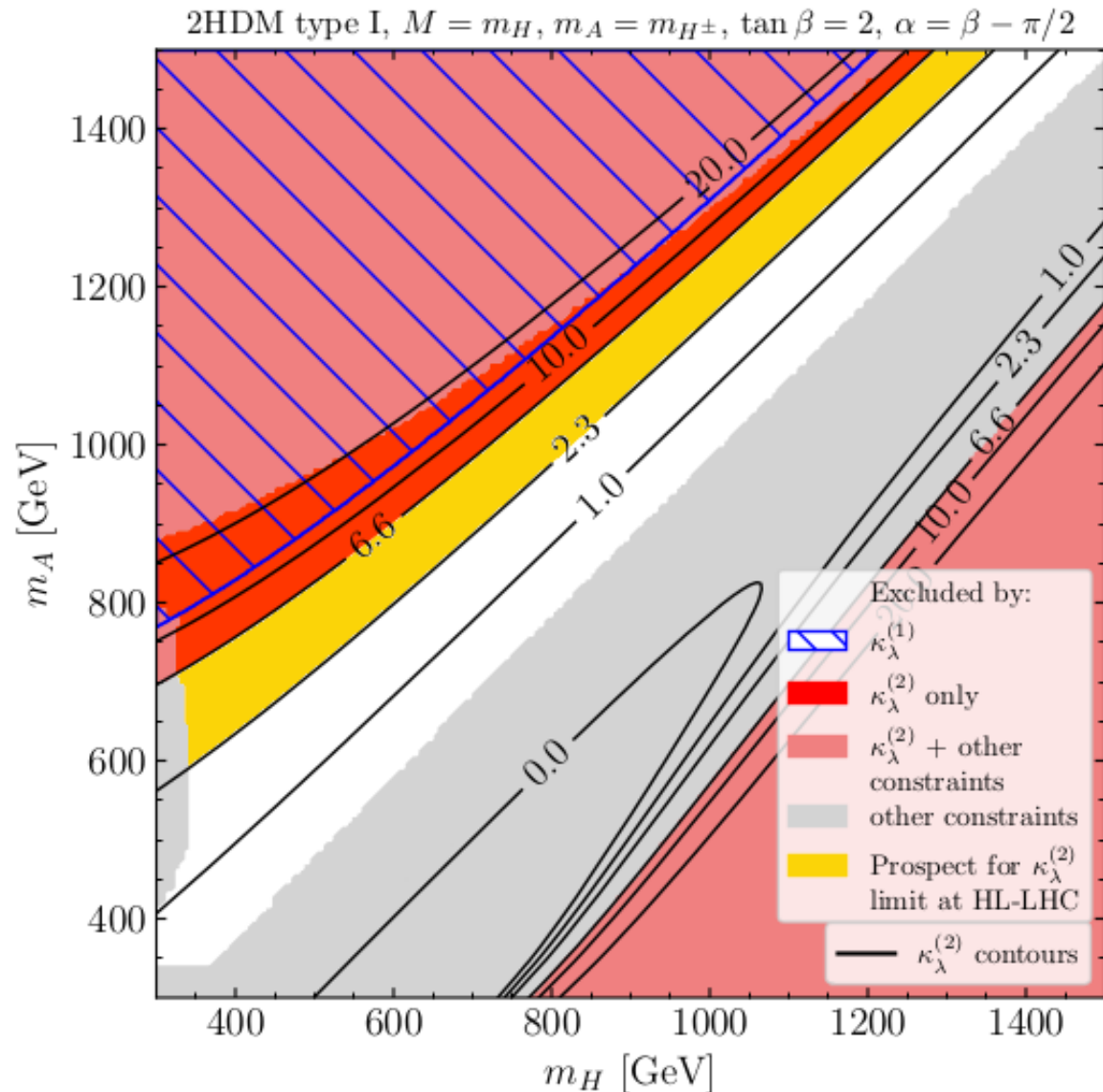
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A benchmark scenario in the aligned 2HDM – future prospects

Suppose for instance the upper bound on κ_λ becomes $\kappa_\lambda < 2.3$

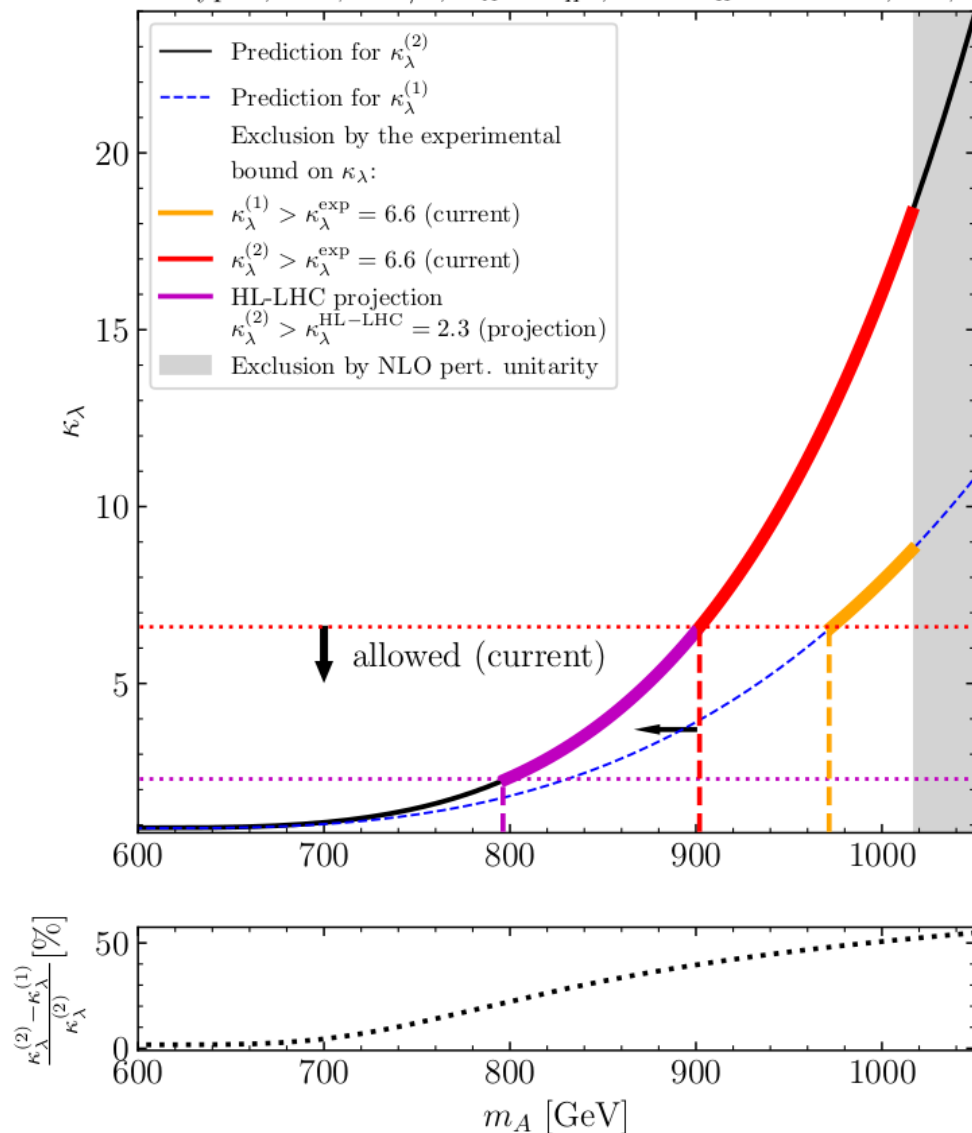


- **Golden area:** additional exclusion if the limit on κ_λ becomes $\kappa_\lambda^{(2)} < 2.3$ (achievable at HL-LHC)
- Experimental constraints, such as Higgs physics, may also become more stringent, however **not** theoretical constraints (like BFB or perturbative unitarity)

A benchmark scenario in the aligned 2HDM – 1D scan

Within the previously shown plane, we fix $M=m_H=600$ GeV, and vary $m_A=m_{H^\pm}$

2HDM type I, $\alpha = \beta - \pi/2$, $m_A = m_{H^\pm}$, $M = m_H = 600$ GeV, $\tan \beta = 2$

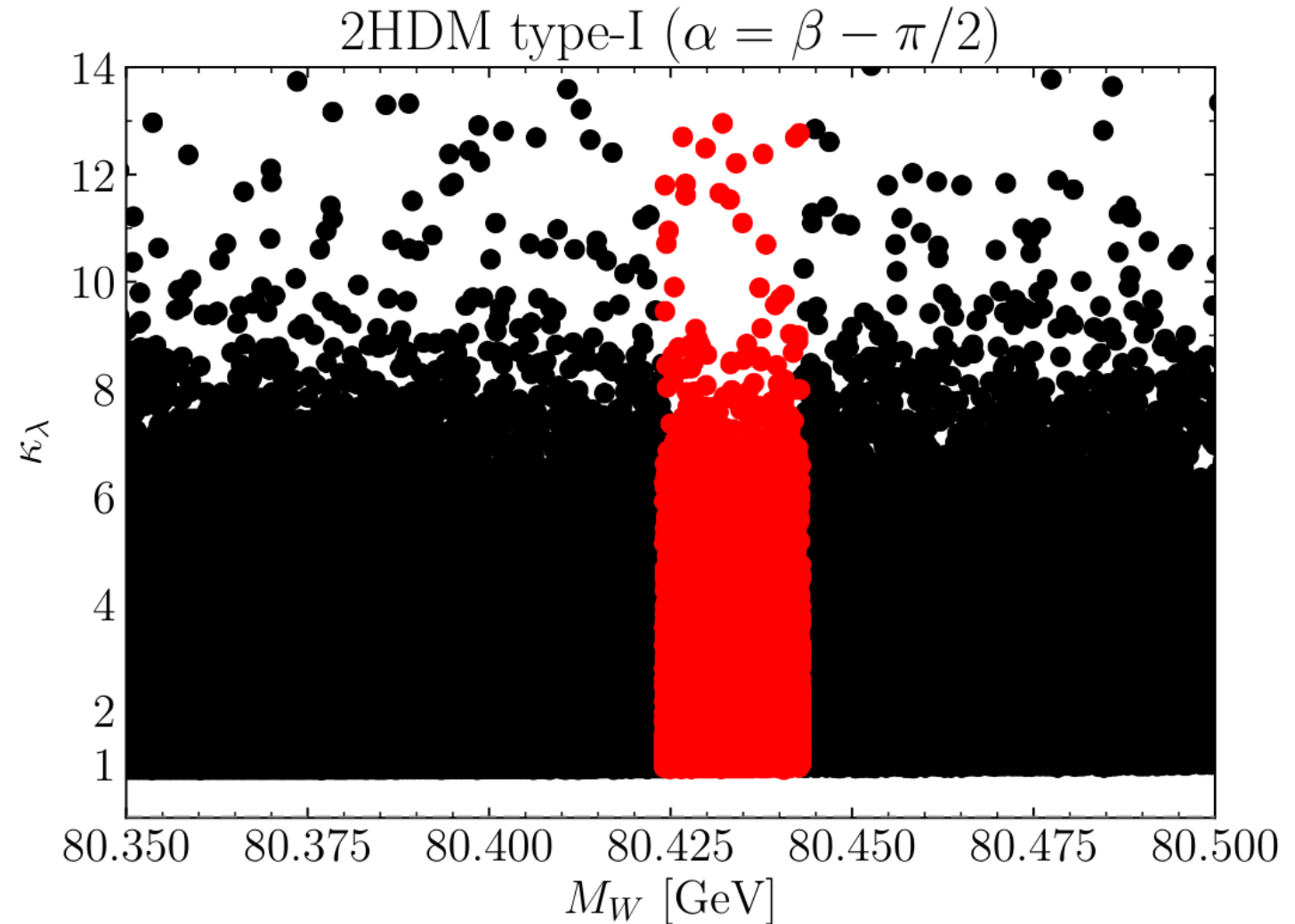


➤ Illustrates the significantly improved reach of the experimental limit when including **2L corrections** in calculation of κ_λ

Correlation between M_W and κ_λ

[Bahl, JB, Weiglein 2204.05269]

- Recent measurement of M_W by CDF collaboration sparked a lot of excitement:
 $M_W = 80\,433 \pm 9$ MeV
- Most precise single measurement of M_W
- 7σ deviation from SM!
- In [Bahl, JB, Weiglein 2204.05269] we considered whether the 2HDM can accommodate the CDF result (or any value between the current world average and the CDF result) using a 2L calculation of EWPOs → it does! (*more in backup*)
- No apparent correlation between M_W and κ_λ**
- Only few points excluded by $-1.0 < \kappa_\lambda < 6.6$ [ATLAS-CONF-2021-052]



Summary

- λ_{hhh} plays a crucial role to understand the shape of the Higgs potential, and probe indirectly signs of New Physics
- λ_{hhh} can **deviate significantly from SM** prediction (by up to a **factor ~10**), for otherwise theoretically and experimentally **allowed points**, due to non-decoupling effects in radiative corrections involving BSM scalars
- Current experimental bounds on λ_{hhh} can **already exclude significant parts of otherwise unconstrained BSM parameter space**, and future prospects even better! Inclusion of 2L corrections [JB, Kanemura '19] has significant impact.
- In this talk, 2HDM taken as an *example*, but similar results are expected for a wider range of BSM models with extended scalar sectors
→ further motivates **automating calculations of λ_{hhh}** → see **Martin's talk!**

Thank you for your attention!

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