

# Discerning EFTs through multi-Higgs production

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+ forthcoming pheno work

# Outline

- SM  $\rightarrow$  SMEFT  $\rightarrow$  HEFT
  - Multi-Higgs VBS (*THEORY*)
  - Multi-Higgs VBS (*PHENO*)
- A digression on fermion loops in HEFT (on behalf of C. Quezada-Calonge)



# HEFT: $W_L W_L \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$

- kinematics well over  $WW$  threshold:  $s \gg m_W^2 \sim m_h^2$
- Mass corrections neglected
- Chiral LO: only  $O(\partial^2)$  derivative operators
- Equivalence theorem appr.:  $W_L W_L \rightarrow n \times h \approx \omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$

[ I know: 3h, 4h, etc. looks like science-fiction nowadays ]



- Specific  $\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$  stand-alone Mathematica code [\[link\]](#)
- FeynRules + FeynCalc chiral model file @ LO + NLO [\[link1\]](#) [\[link2\]](#)

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- Relevant HEFT Lagrangian at LO,  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu h)^2 + \frac{v^2}{4}\mathcal{F}(h) \text{Tr} \left\{ \partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U \right\}$$

w/ the SU(2)-singlet “Flare” function,

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + a_3 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^3 + a_4 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^4 + \dots$$

**NOTICE:**  $\kappa_V \equiv a \equiv a_1/2$  ,  $\kappa_{2V} \equiv b \equiv a_2$

- Non-linear Goldstone realization:  $U(\omega) = 1 + i\sigma^a \omega^a / v + \mathcal{O}(\omega^2)$



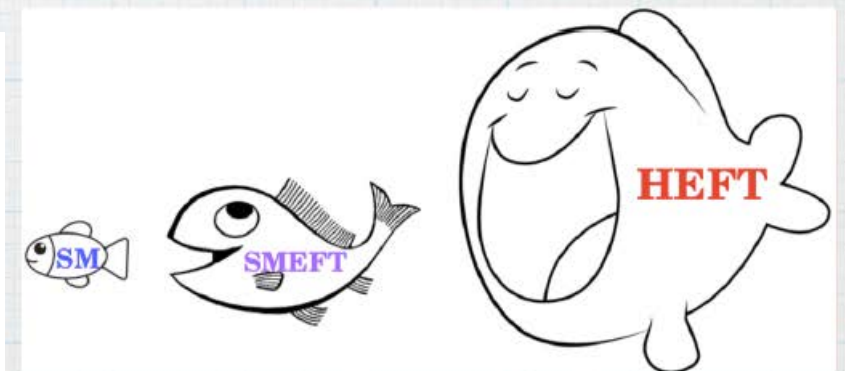
# The Flare Function

\* In HEFT:  $\mathcal{F}(h)_{HEFT} = 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^2 + a_3 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^3 + \dots$

\* In the SM:  $\mathcal{F}(h)_{SM} = \left(1 + \frac{h}{v}\right)^2$

\* In SMEFT?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(h_1) &= \left(1 + \frac{h(h_1)}{v}\right)^2 \\ &= 1 + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right) \left(2 + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 3\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^2 \left(1 + 4\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 12\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 6\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^3 \left(8\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{3\Lambda^2} + 56\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{3\Lambda^4} + 8\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^4 \left(2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)} v^2}{3\Lambda^2} + 44\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{3\Lambda^4} + 6\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{\Lambda^4}\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^5 \left(88\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{15\Lambda^4} + 12\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{5\Lambda^4}\right) + \left(\frac{h_1}{v}\right)^6 \left(44\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2 v^4}{45\Lambda^4} + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)} v^4}{5\Lambda^4}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-6}). \end{aligned}$$



# SMEFT: $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$ VERTEX suppression

- SMEFT  $\leftrightarrow$  HEFT relations for the Higgs couplings:

$$a_1/2 = a = 1 + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{d^2}{2} \left( \frac{3}{4} + \rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_2 = b = 1 + 2d + 3d^2 (1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_3 = \frac{4}{3}d + d^2 \left( \frac{14}{3} + 4\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{3}d + d^2 \left( \frac{11}{3} + 3\rho \right) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)$$

<sup>4</sup> $a_5$  and  $a_6$  can be found in the paper.  
 $a_n$  for  $n \geq 7$  vanishes at order  $1/\Lambda^4$ .

$$d = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}}{2(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2}$$

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$$\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$$

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} = -\frac{\hat{a}_2 s}{v^2}$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} = \frac{8\pi^3 \hat{a}_2^2}{s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2$$

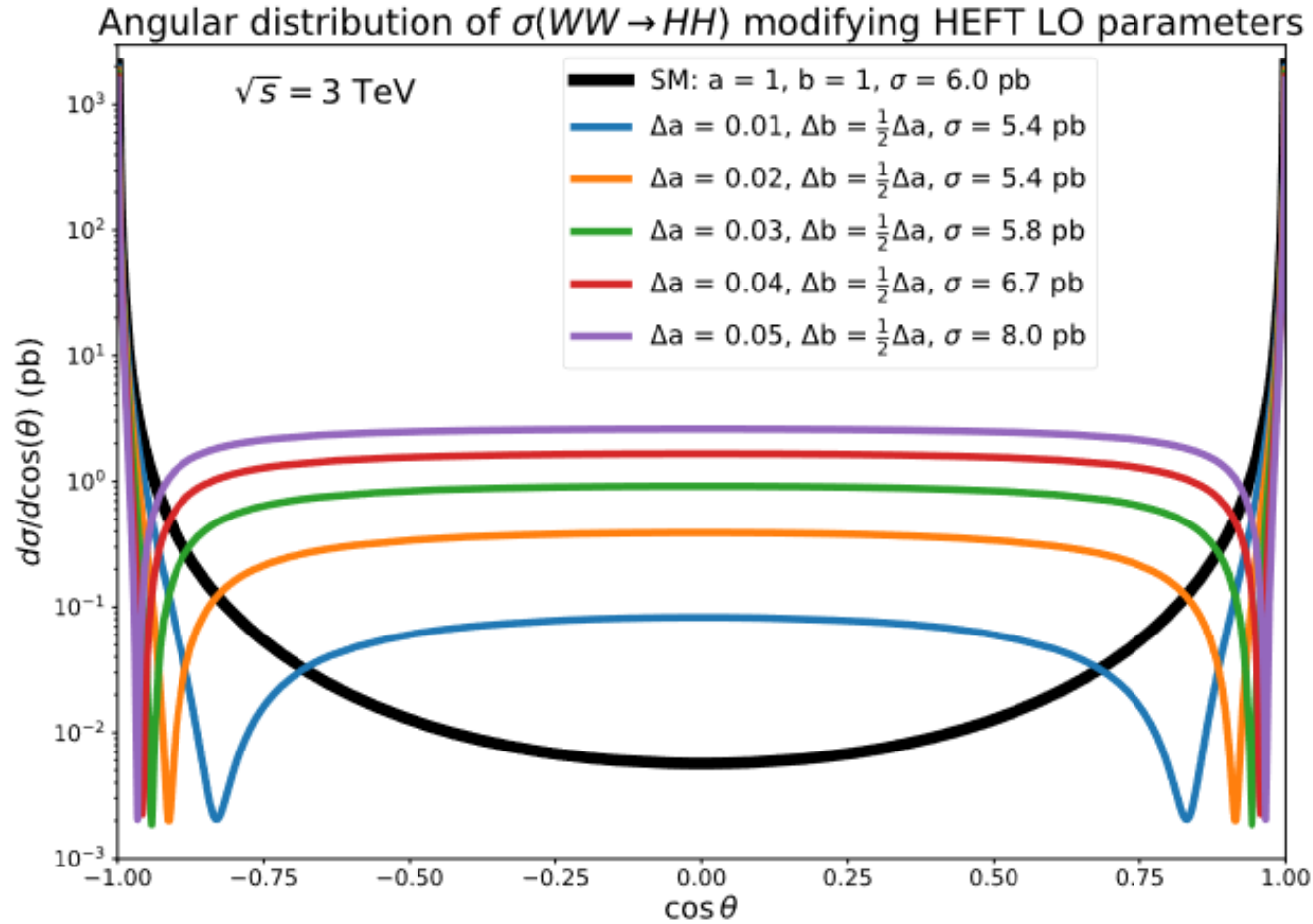
• Relevant combination:  $\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - a_1^2/4 = b - a^2$

• Pure s-wave (J=0)  $\rightarrow$  critical angular information



- IR finite
- Equiv. Theorem implies a **pure s-wave**
- This HEFT behaviour approximately observed with **real W's** (x)

[ vs **SM** angular distribution ]



(x) Dávila, Domenech, Herrero, Morales, EPJC 84 (2024) 5, 503

$$\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$$

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} = -\frac{3\hat{a}_3 s}{v^3}$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} = \frac{12\pi^3 \hat{a}_3^2}{s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3$$

• Relevant combination:  $\hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{2}{3}a_1 (a_2 - a_1^2/4) = a_3 - \frac{4}{3}a (b - a^2)$

• Pure s-wave (J=0)  $\rightarrow$  critical angular information

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$$\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$$

1-crossed-propagator  
dimensionless angular function  
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$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{v^4} (3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B - 1))$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left(\frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2}\right)^4 \left[ (3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2)^2 + 2(3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2) \hat{a}_2^2 \chi_1 + \hat{a}_2^4 \chi_2 \right]$$

numerical integration constants  $\chi_{1,2}$ : [MaMuPaXS \[link\]](#)

• Relevant combination:

$$\hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{4}a_1a_3 + \frac{5}{12}a_1^2 (a_2 - a_1^2/4) = a_4 - \frac{3}{2}a_1a_3 + \frac{5}{3}a_1^2 (b - a_1^2)$$

$$\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - a_1^2/4 = b - a_1^2$$

[exactly same combination as in  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$ ]

• Almost s-wave (J=0) [ $\chi_1 = -0.12, \chi_2 = 0.019$ ] → critical angular information

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# SMEFT: $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h, 3h, 4h \dots$ AMPLITUDE suppression

- SMEFT  $\leftrightarrow$  HEFT relations for the relevant combinations:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a}_2 &= d + 2d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3) \\ \hat{a}_3 &= \frac{4}{3}d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3) \\ \hat{a}_4 &= \frac{1}{3}d^2(1 + \rho) + \mathcal{O}(d^3)\end{aligned}$$

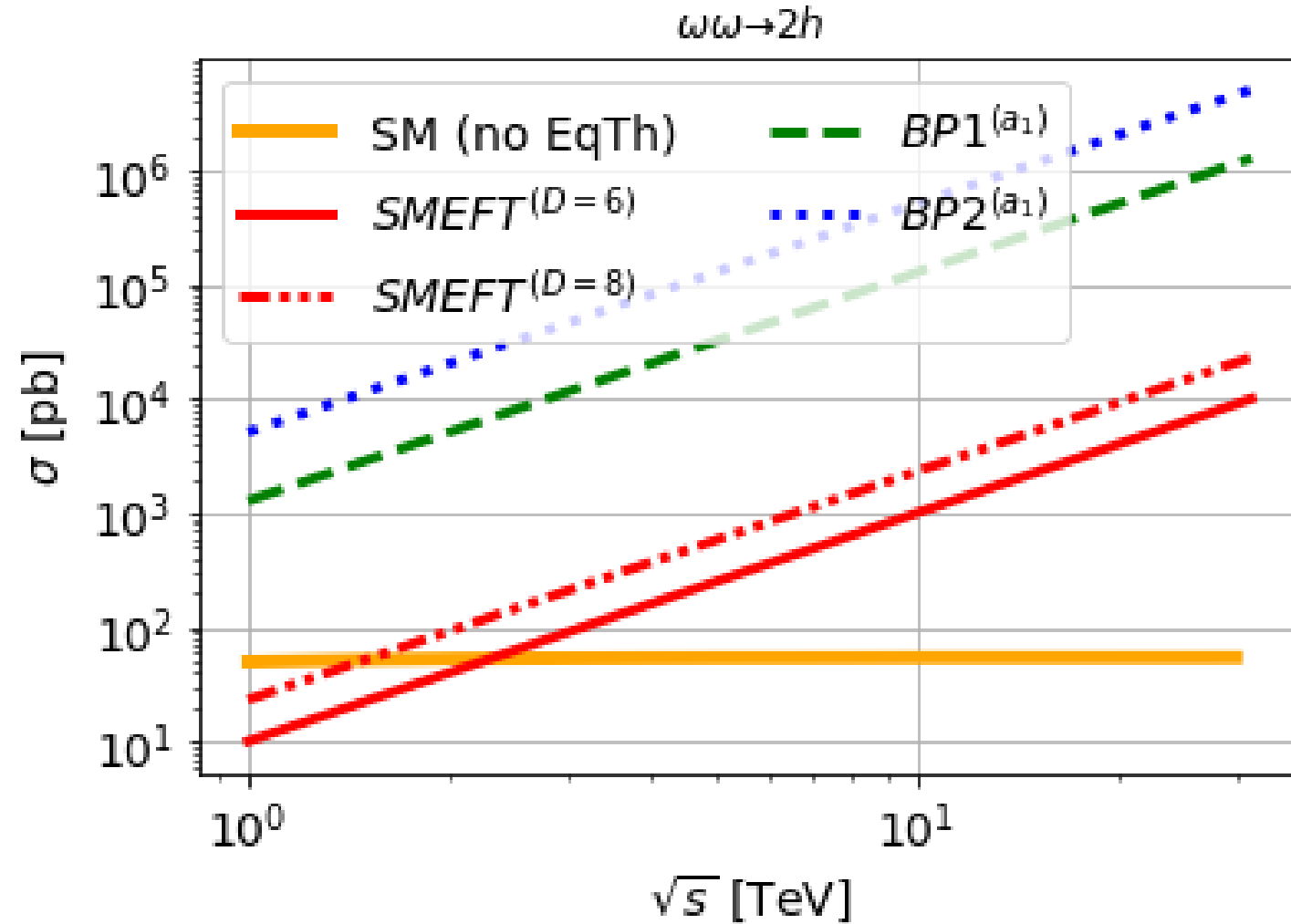
$$d = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}}{2(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2}$$

- Multi-Higgs fine-tuned suppression in SMEFT

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# BP study

2H



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Scanning of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$  cross section predictions for  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV:

- Empty blue square - SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> -BP ( $d = 0.1$ ):

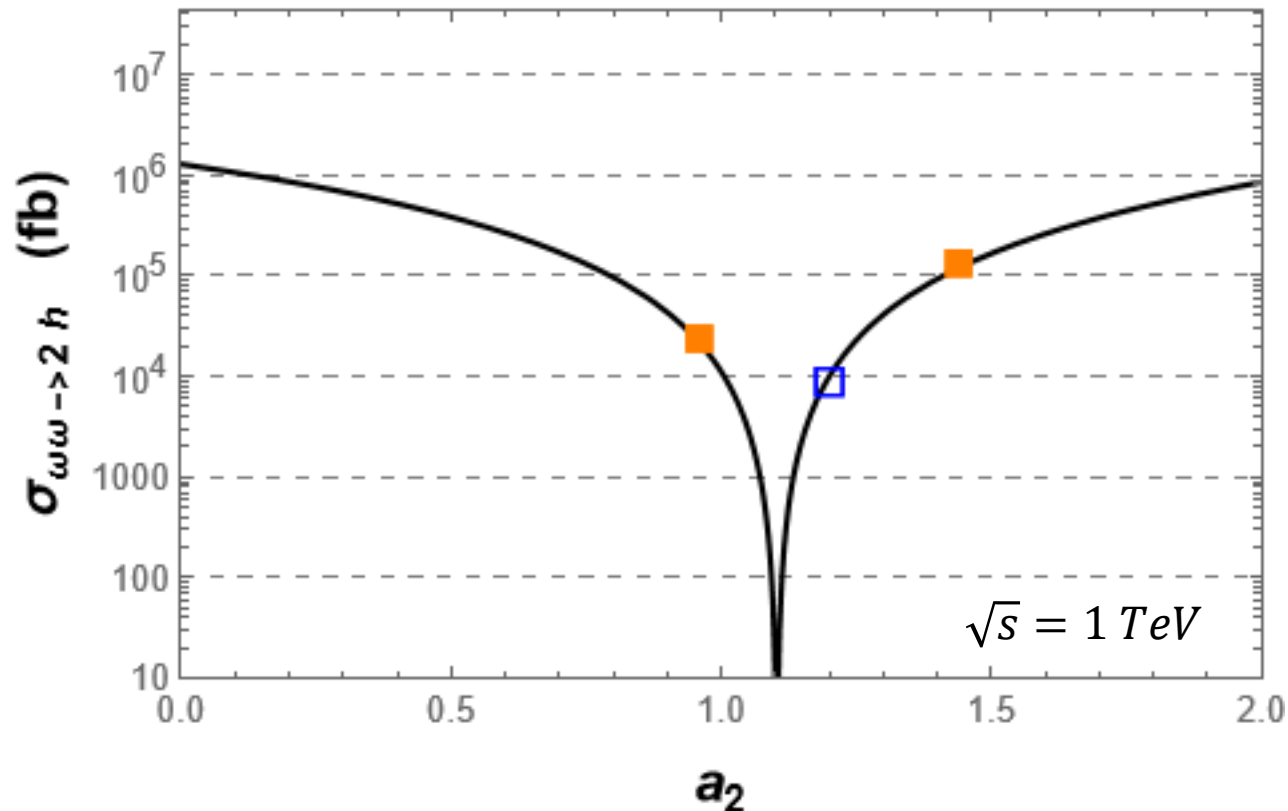
$$a = a_1/2 = a^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.05,$$

$$b = a_2 = a_2^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.2$$

- Full Orange square - HEFT:

$$a = a_1/2 = a^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.05,$$

$$b = a_2 = a_2^{SMEFT(D=6)} = 1.2 \times (1 \pm 20\%)$$



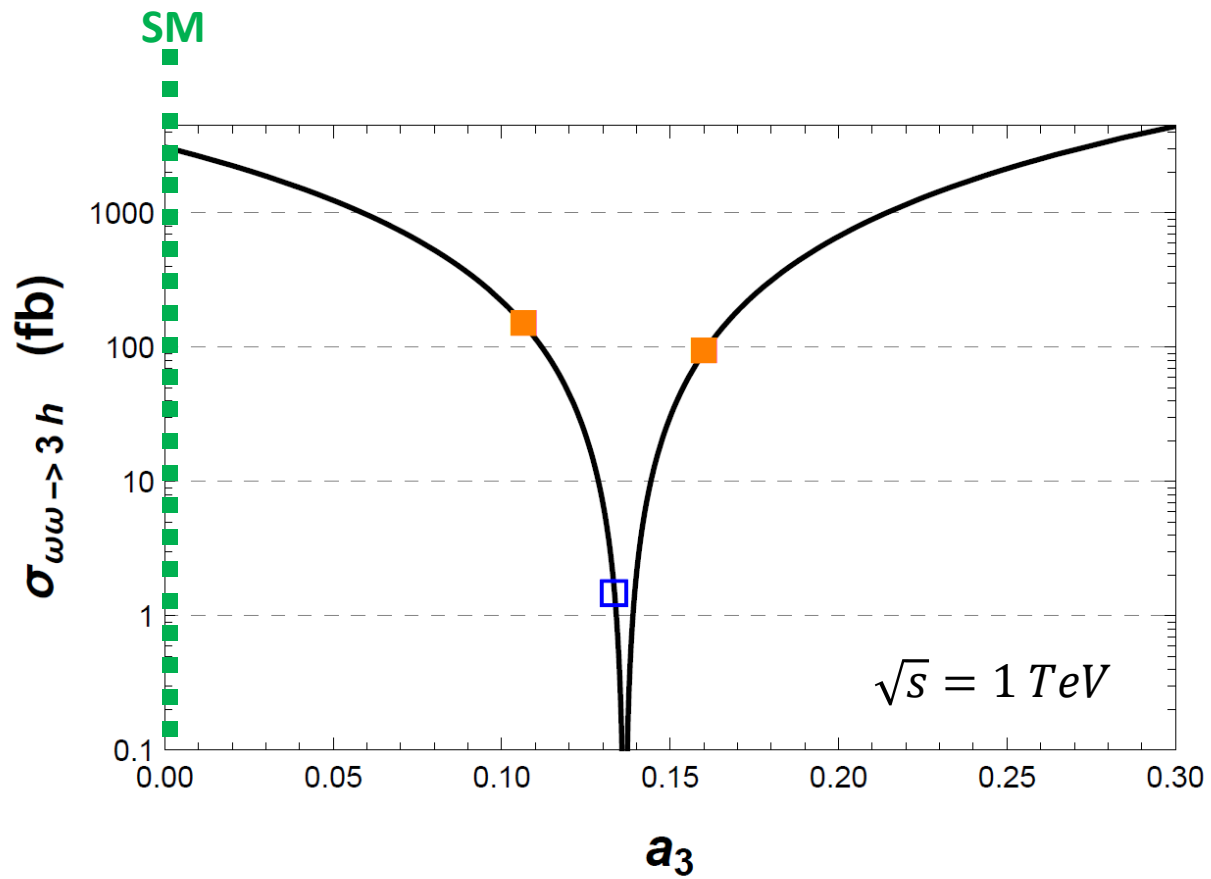
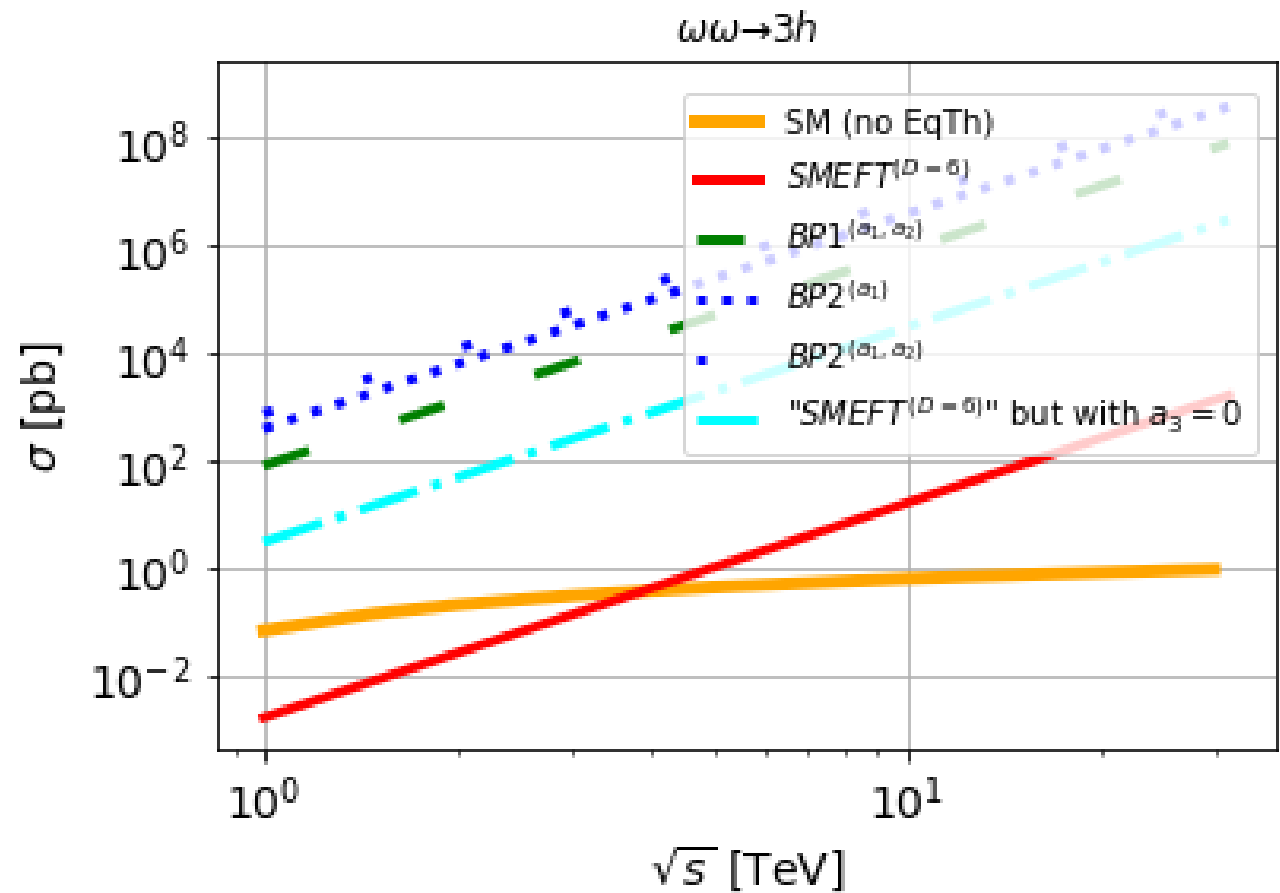
- Analogous to previous  $a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V}$  scannings for LHC and FCC analyses:

(x) Englert,Naskar,Sutherland, JHEP 11 (2023) 158

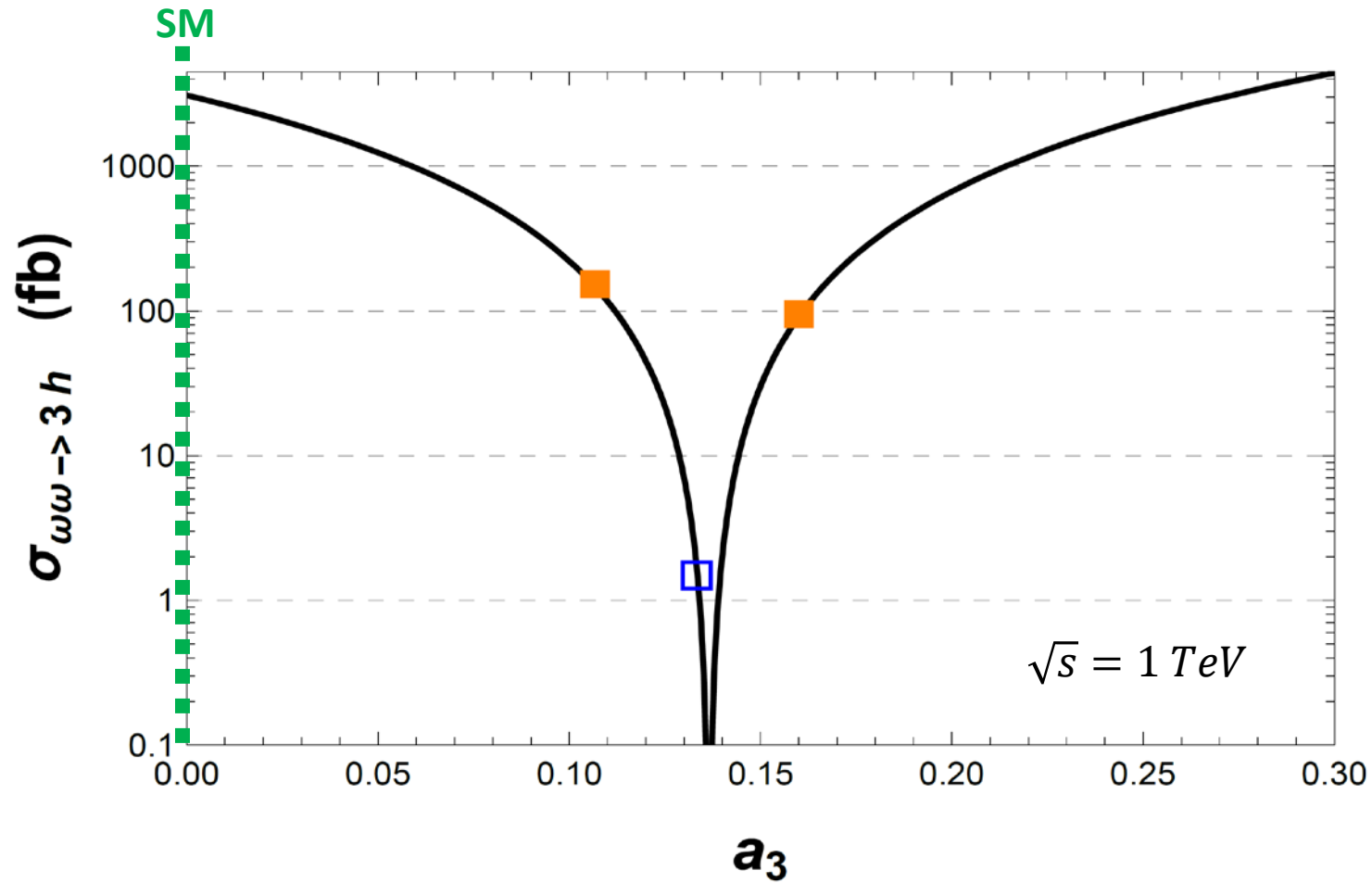


# BP study

3H



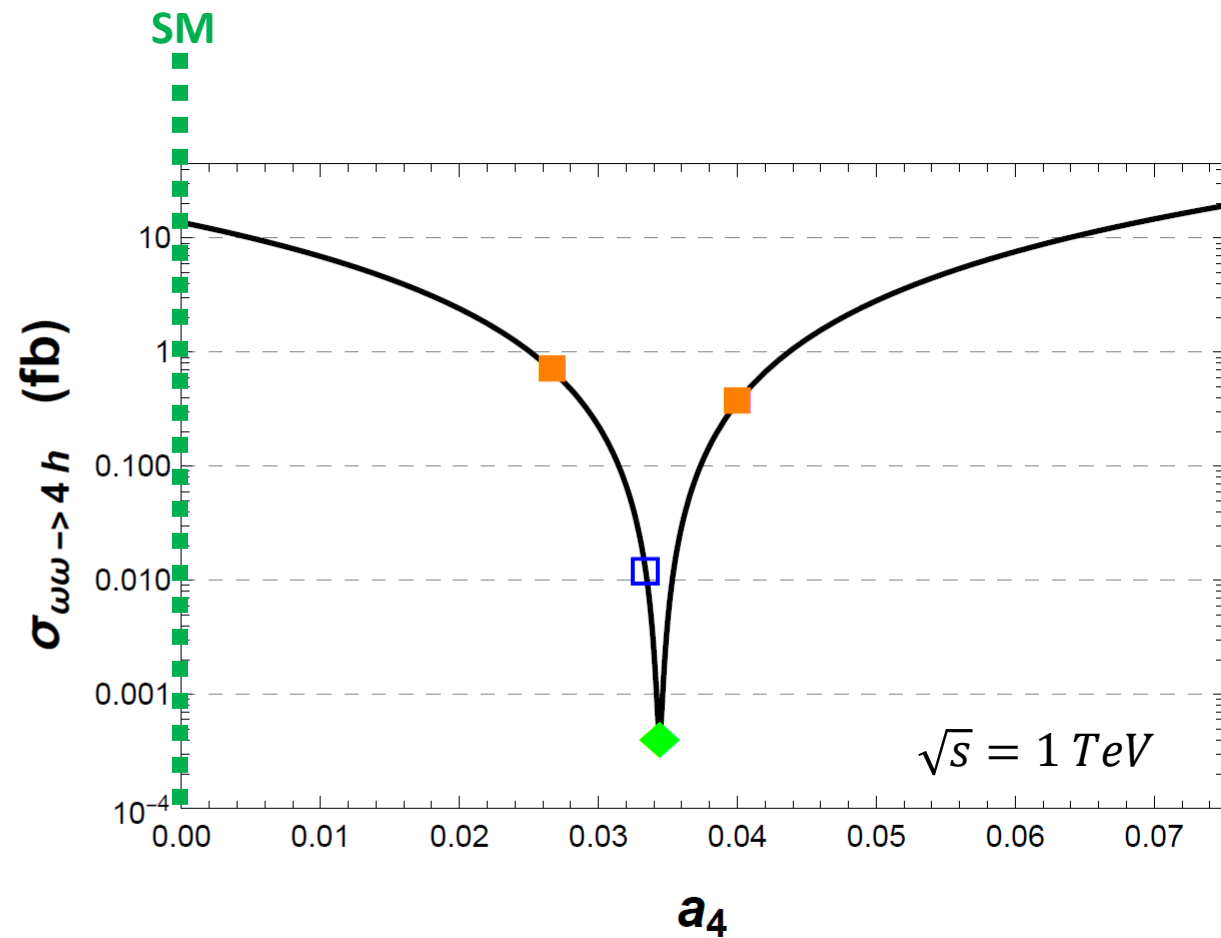
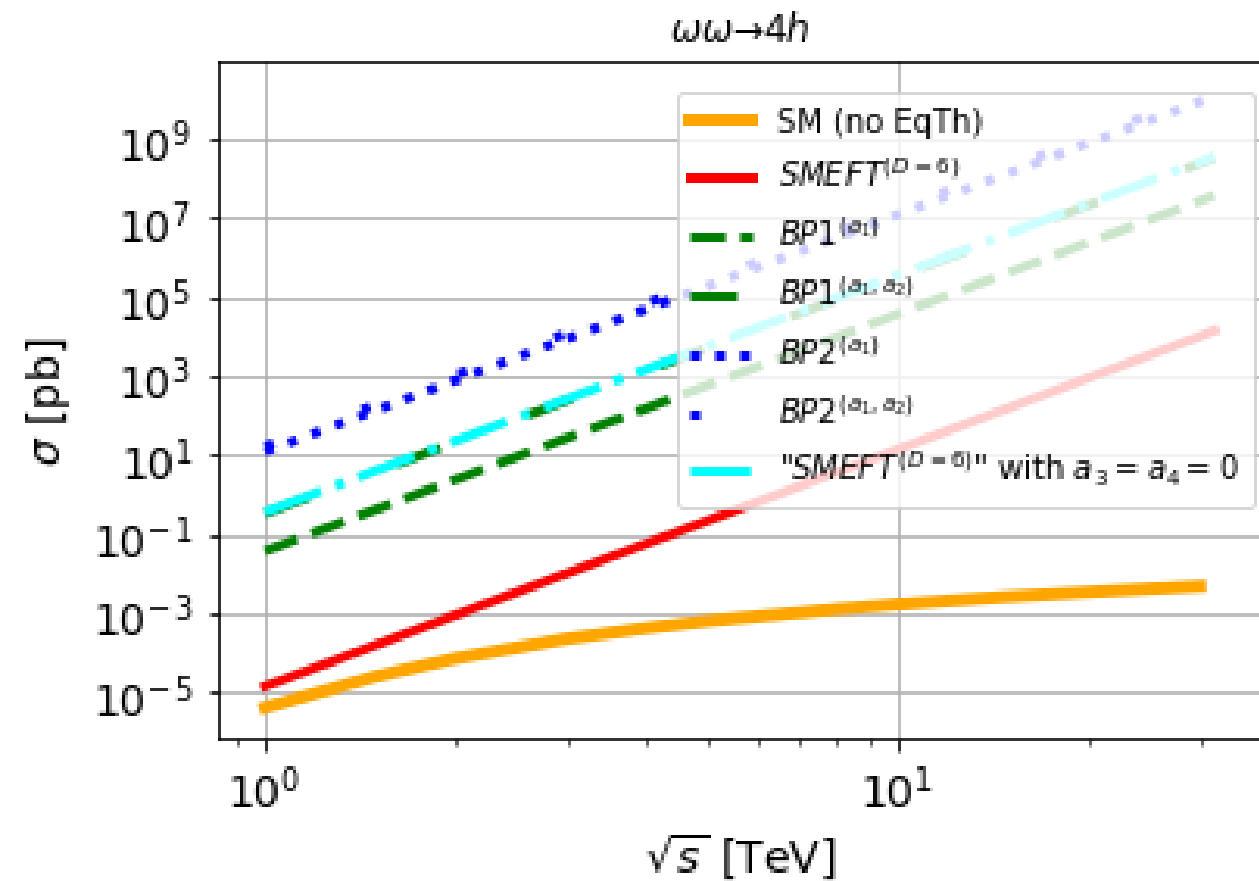
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**Figure 5.** Scan of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$  cross section predictions in terms of  $a_3$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV. The inputs  $a_1 = a_1^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 2.1$  and  $a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 1.2$  are taken from (4.2), the SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP. We have marked a few especial points:  $a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 0.1\hat{3}$  (empty blue square) and their 20% deviations (full orange squares),  $a_3 = 80\% \times a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$  and  $a_3 = 120\% \times a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$ . We note that, in between,  $\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}$  vanishes at  $a_3 = \frac{2}{3}a_1(a_2 - \frac{1}{4}a_1^2) = 0.1365$ .

# BP study

4H



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# VirtualBox

LOADING TALK:

## "Higgs and vector boson production at 1-loop in HEFT"



*on behalf of Carlos Quezada-Calonge (UC Madrid)*

Starting services



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i.e., **“Fermion loops are sometimes  
as important as boson loops in HEFT”**



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In HEFT, often assumed that loops  $\approx$  boson loops

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{v^2}{4} \mathcal{F}(h) \text{Tr} \left[ (D_\mu U)^\dagger D^\mu U \right] + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h - V(h) + i \bar{Q} \partial Q - v \mathcal{G}(h) [\bar{Q}'_L U H_Q Q'_R + \text{h.c.}]$$

$$Q^{(i)} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{U}^{(i)} \\ \mathcal{D}^{(i)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} \mathcal{U}' = (u, c, t)' \\ \mathcal{D}' = (d, s, b)' \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{G}(h) = 1 + c_1 \frac{h}{v} + c_2 \frac{h^2}{v^2} + \dots \quad \text{Recover the SM} \quad \begin{matrix} \rightarrow c_1 = 1 \\ c_2 = c_3 = \dots c_n = 0 \end{matrix}$$

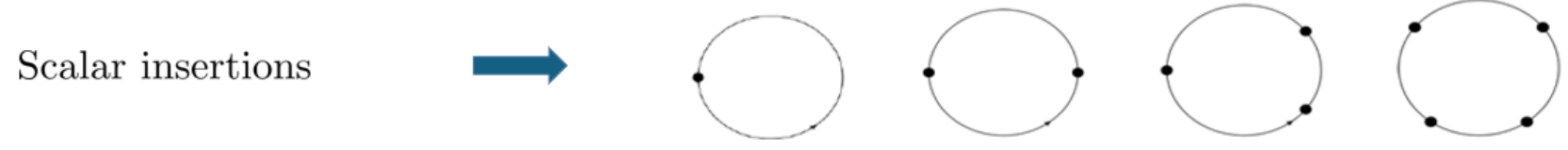
$$S[\omega, h, Q, \bar{Q}] = \int d^D x (\mathcal{L}_S + \mathcal{L}_F) = S_S[\omega, h] + S_F[\omega, h, Q, \bar{Q}]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_F = \bar{Q} A Q$$

$$A = i \not{\partial} - M + B$$

$$B \subset h, GB$$

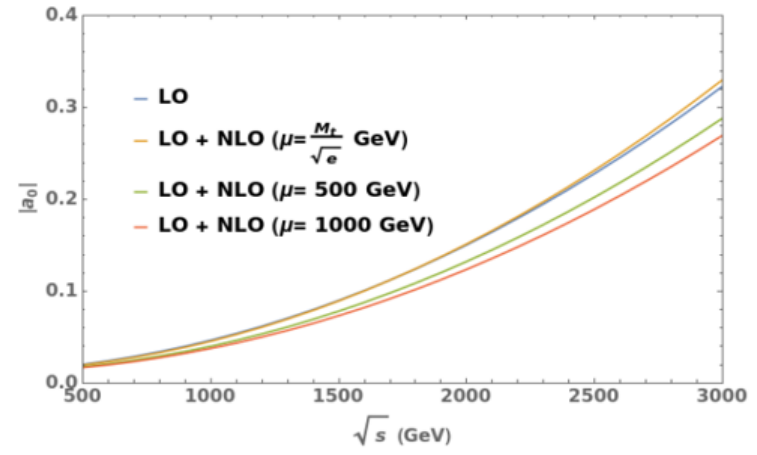
$$\Delta\Gamma[\omega, h] = -i \text{Tr} \{ \log(1 + GB) \} = i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n} \text{Tr} \{ (GB)^n \} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Delta\Gamma^{(n)}$$



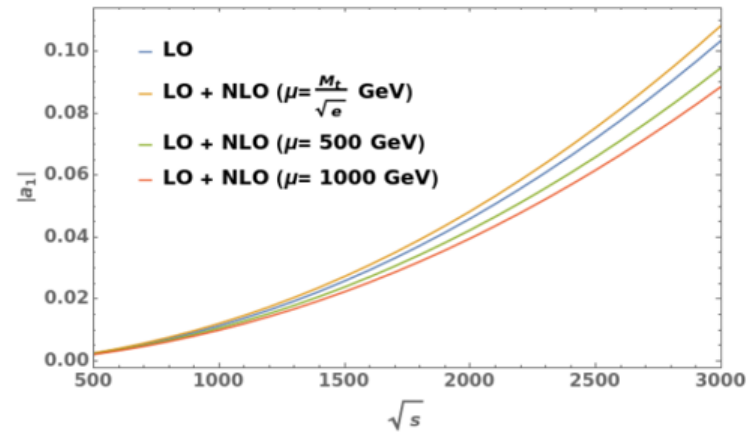
We consider the process  $\omega^+ \omega^- \rightarrow \omega^+ \omega^-$  and the projection  $a_J$  onto Partial Wave Amplitudes (PWA)  $J = 0, 1$  and  $2$

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NLO corrections  $\ll$  LO amplitudes

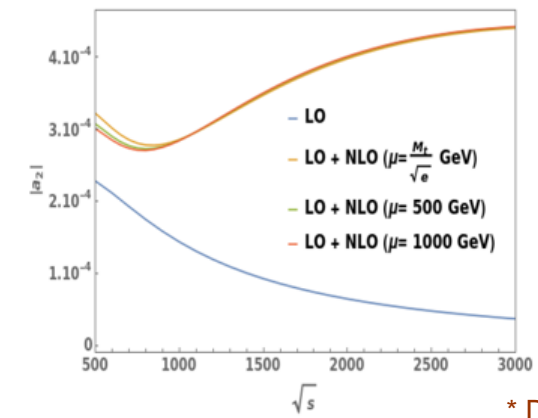


$|a_0|$  for  $a = 1.1$  and  $c_1=1.1$ .



$|a_1|$  for  $a = 1.1$  and  $c_1=1.1$ .

For  $J = 2$  the loops dominate due to the character of the LO amplitude  $A_0 \sim s^2$



$|a_2|$  for  $a = 1.1$  and  $c_1=1.1$

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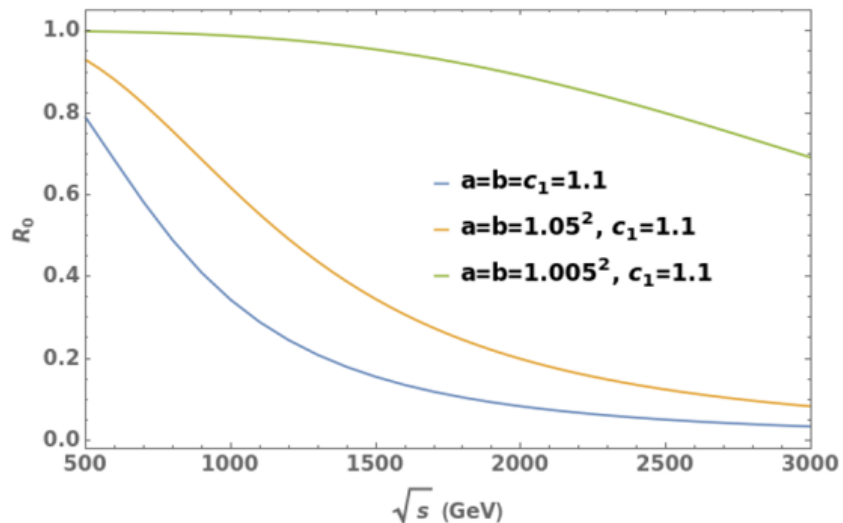
Sometimes, fermion loops  $\gg$  boson loops

Orientative comparison of the F & B loop importance  
(not summed F+B cross section)

$$R_0 = \frac{|a_o^F|}{|a_o^F| + |a_o^B|}$$

Fermion corrections are relevant for values close to the SM

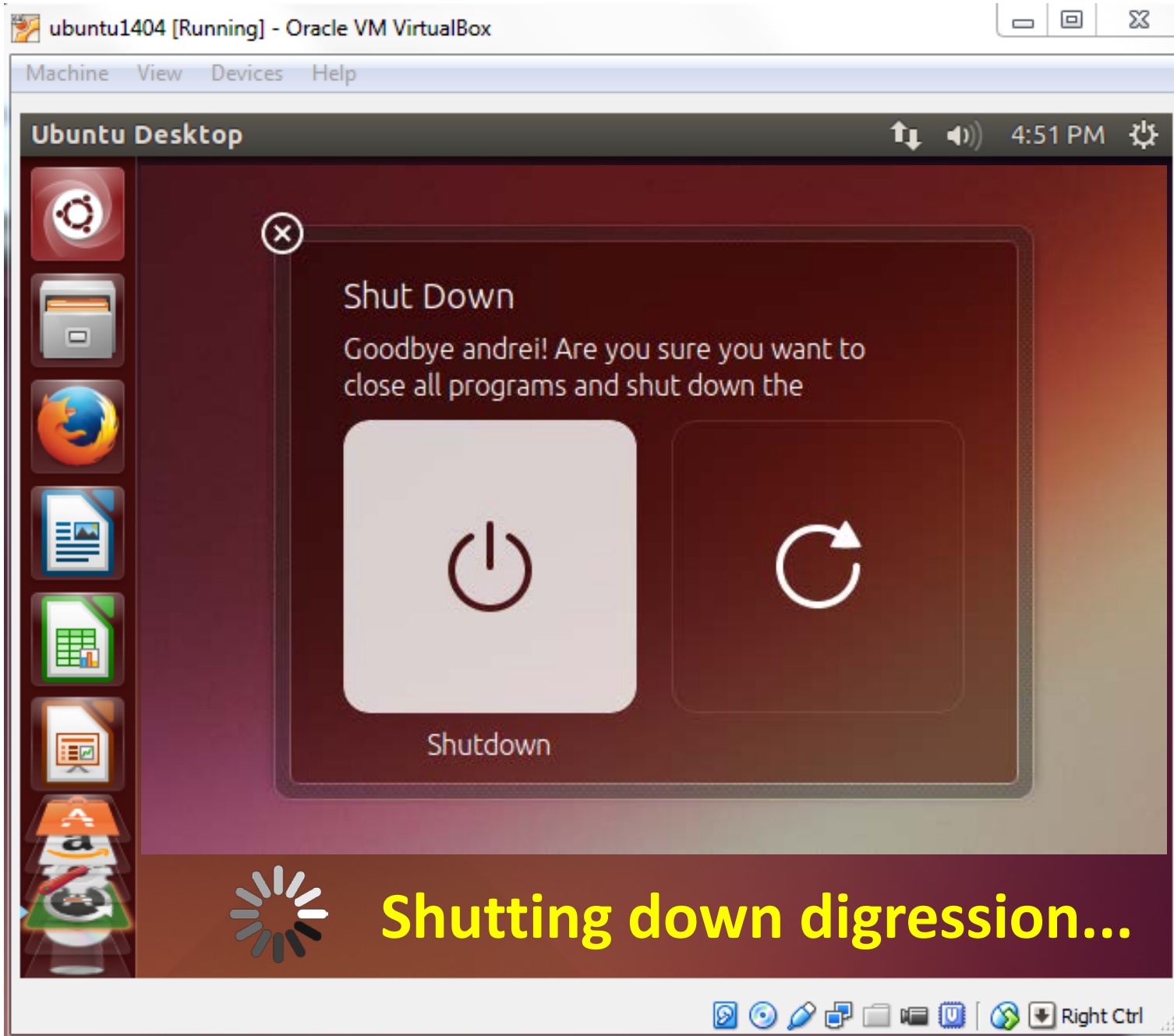
In this region of the parameter space the GB approximation breaks down



$R_0$  ratio for different values of  $a, b$  and  $c_1$

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# Conclusions

- **Relevant combinations for  $W_L W_L \rightarrow n \times h$  :**
  - Loose measurements for some  $\kappa_j$ 's [for instance,  $\kappa_{2V}$  in pure HH analyses]
  - Hidden, stringent constraints for the relevant  $\hat{\kappa}_j$ 's  
[for instance,  $\hat{\kappa}_{2V} \equiv \hat{a}_2$  in  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 2h$ ,  $\hat{a}_3$  in  $W_L W_L \rightarrow 3h$ , etc.]
- **Strong multi-Higgs suppression in SMEFT wrt to HEFT**
  - even for small O(10%) deviations from SMEFT–
- **More detailed pheno analysis, forthcoming**

- Various public code repositories created:

- Specific Mathematica stand-alone code for  $\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h$

<https://github.com/alexandresalasb/WWtonHcalculator>

- General FeynRules model file <https://github.com/Javomar99/EWET>  
implementing  $O(p^2)$  and  $O(p^4)$  HEFT Lagrangian

- New fast Massless Particle Phase-Space Integrator

**MaMuPaXS** <https://github.com/mamupaxs/mamupaxs>

# BACKUP

# SMEFT-like model. Benchmark points<sup>7</sup>

## SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP

$$d = 0.1$$

$$a = a_1/2 = 1.05, \quad b = a_2 = 1.20$$

$$a_3 = 0.1\hat{3}, \quad a_4 = 0.0\hat{3}$$

## SMEFT<sup>(D=8)</sup> BP

$$d = 0.1, \quad \rho = 1$$

$$a = a_1/2 \approx 1.06, \quad b = a_2 = 1.26$$

$$a_3 = 0.22, \quad a_4 = 0.10$$

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<sup>7</sup> $d$  is compatible with the SM deviation range of ATLAS and CMS and crucial for the convergence.  $\rho$  is non relevant as long as it's order 1.



# Non-SMEFT-like models<sup>8</sup>. Benchmark points

BP1( $a_1$ )

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \exp \left\{ a_1 \frac{h}{v} \right\}$$

$$a_2 = 2.205, a_3 \approx 1.54, a_4 \approx 0.81$$

BP2( $a_1$ )

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left( 1 - \frac{a_1 h}{2v} \right)^{-2}$$

$$a_2 \approx 3.31, a_3 \approx 4.63, a_4 = 6.08$$

BP1( $a_1, a_2$ )

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \exp \left\{ a_1 \frac{h}{v} + \left( a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right\}$$

$$a_3 \approx -0.57, a_4 \approx -0.90$$

BP2( $a_1, a_2$ )

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left( 1 - \frac{a_1 h}{2v} - \left( \frac{a_2}{2} - \frac{3a_1^2}{8} \right) \frac{h^2}{v^2} \right)^{-2}$$

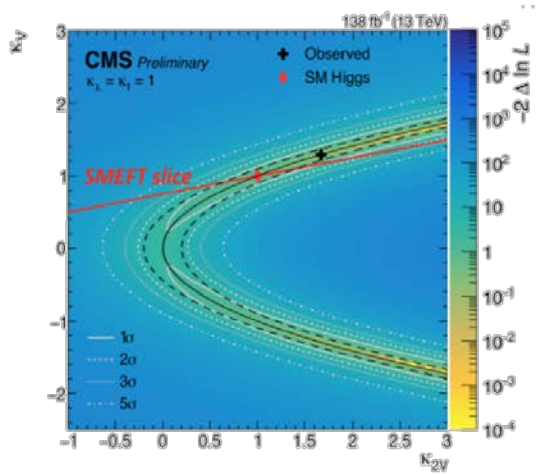
$$a_3 \approx -2.01, a_4 \approx -4.53$$

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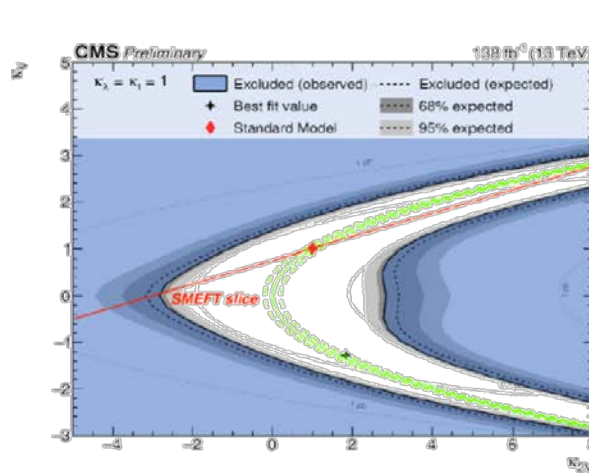
<sup>8</sup>This flare functions have no real zeros [Cohen et al. - 2008.08597, Manohar et al. 1605.03602] but fulfil the postivity requirements in Gómez-Ambrosio et al. - 2204.01763

# ATLAS and CMS analyses on multi-Higgs: Where are we standing?

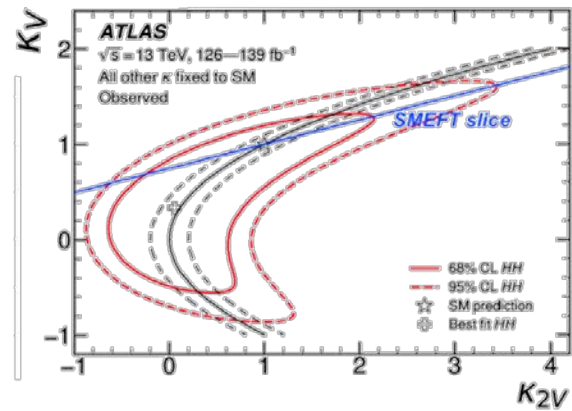
- Uncertainty in  $k_V = a = a_1/2$  ( $h \rightarrow \omega\omega$  vertex): **O(10%)**
- Uncertainty in  $k_{2V} = b = a_2$  ( $hh \rightarrow \omega\omega$  vertex): **O(100%)**
- **BUT**, in the relevant  $\omega\omega \rightarrow hh$  amp. combination  $\hat{k}_{2V} = \hat{a}_2$ : **O(10%)**



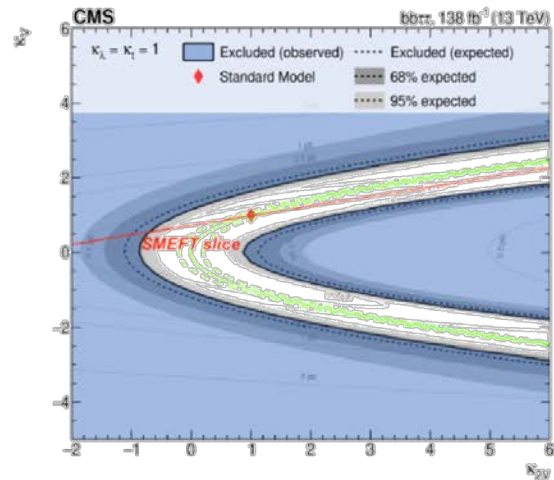
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

- Exp. data on hh-production at LHC show an important correlation between  $(a, b)$

[ notation:  $a = a_1/2 = \kappa_V$ ,  $b = a_2 = \kappa_{2V}$  ]

- NOTE we have superimposed:

- Paraboles w/ constant  $\hat{a}_2 = a_2 - \frac{a_1^2}{4}$

- D=6 SMEFT prediction  $a_2 = 2 a_1 - 3$

(a) Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 041803 [2205.06667]

(b) CMS-PAS-HIG-21-005 (c) ATLAS-CONF-2022-050 (d) Phys.

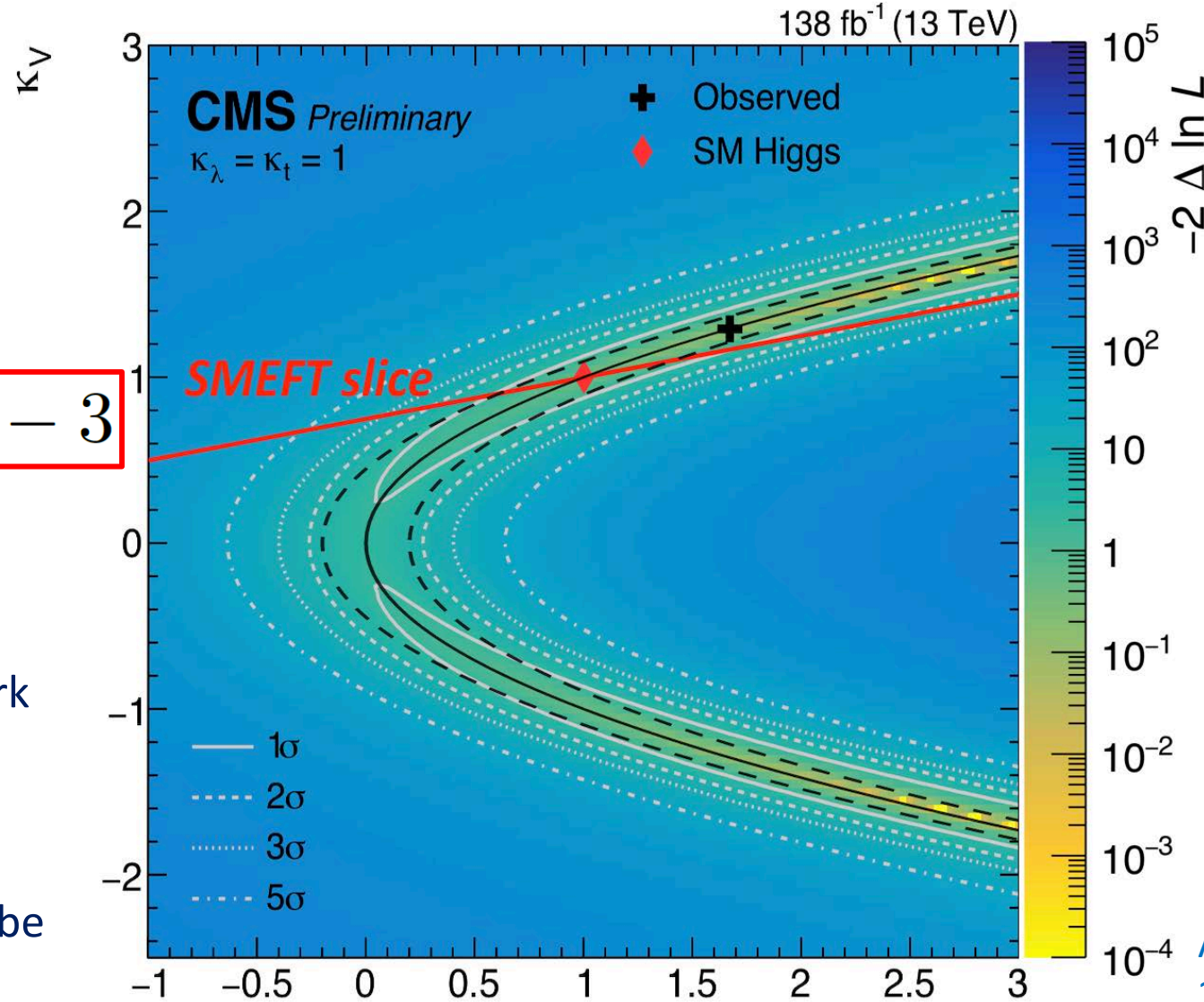
Lett. B 842 (2023) 137531 [2206.09401]. NOTE:  $\kappa_V = a_1/2$ ,  $\kappa_{2V} = a_2$ .

... + some recente important improvement from HH + H:

**CMS PAS HIG-23-006**

(a)

$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$



$$\hat{a}_2 = \pm 0.2$$

The equivalence theorem approximations in this work seem to be in agreement with hh-production data

Indications that we might be O(10%) close to the SM in (a, b)

Figure 2. a) CMS experimental confidence regions for the  $hWW$  coupling  $\kappa_V = a = a_1/2$  and for the  $hhWW$  coupling  $\kappa_{2V} = b = a_2$ , from a non-resonant  $hh$  production search with each Higgs boson decaying into a highly boosted  $b\bar{b}$  pair [77] (white lines and colour map in figure 11 from the additional material in CMS-B2G-22-003). b) CMS confidence regions from processes with one Higgs boson

Also previous theoretical 2h-production for LHC\* noted important correlations between  $(\kappa_V, \kappa_{2V})$

[“banana” plots, as M.J. Herrero calls them]

(a) Phys. Rev. Lett. 131 (2023) 041803 [2205.06667]

\* Anisha, Atkinson, Bhardwaj, Englert, Stylianou, JHEP 10 (2022) 172

\* Delgado, Gómez-Ambrosio, Martínez-Martín, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, JHEP 03 (2024) 037

# • SM:

- Complex doublet H
- Renormalizable (canonical dim.  $D \leq 4$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{SM} = \mathcal{L}_{D \leq 4}$$

# • SMEFT:

- Complex doublet H
- Non-renormalizable (canonical dim. expansion.)

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{n,i} \frac{c_i^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(n)}$$

# • HEFT

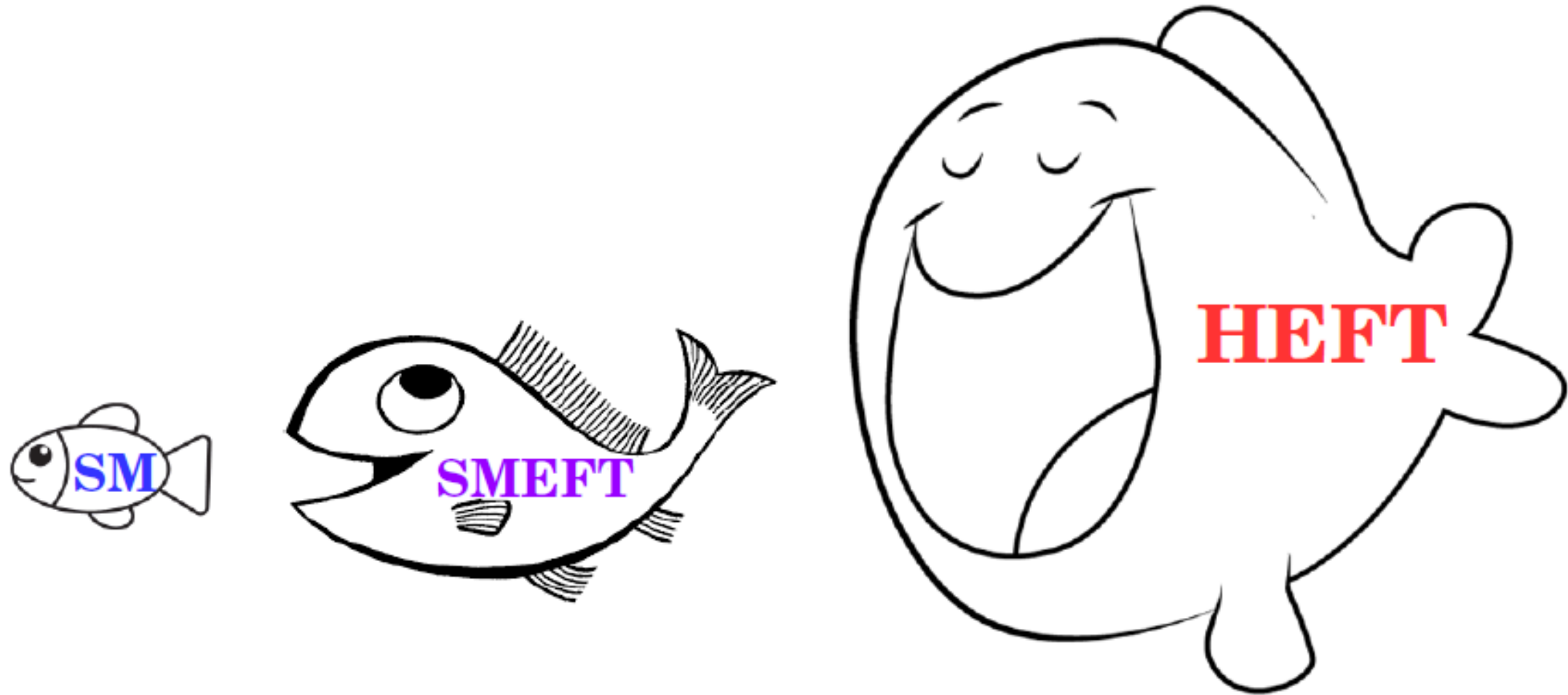
( = EWChL = EWET )

- 3 EW Goldstones + 1 singlet Higgs h (indep.)
- Non-renormalizable (chiral expansion.)

$$\mathcal{L}_{HEFT} = \mathcal{L}_{p^2} + \mathcal{L}_{p^4} + \dots$$

[w/  $\mathcal{L}_{SM} \subset \mathcal{L}_{p^2}$ ]





(x) See, e.g., Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, PLB 754 (2016) 335-342; PLB 756 (2016) 358-364; JHEP 08 (2016) 101; Cohen, Craig, Lu, Sutherland, JHEP 03 (2021) 237; JHEP 12 (2021) 003; Brivio, Corbett, Éboli, Gavela, González-Fraile, González-García, Merlo, Rigolin, JHEP 03 (2014) 024; Agrawal, Saha, Xu, Yu, Yuan, PRD 101 (2020) 7, 075023; Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; Commun.Theor.Phys. 75 (2023) 9, 095202; Dawson, Fontes, Quezada-Calonge, SC, 2311.16897 [hep-ph]; PRD 108 (2023) 5, 055034; Arco, Domenech, Herrero, Morales, PRD 108 (2023) 9, 095013;



- We will actually compute the Goldstone-Goldstone scattering,

$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h}$$

and extract the corresponding cross section:

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h} = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{1}{2s} \int |T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow n \times h}|^2 d\Pi_n$$

$$\omega^+(k_1) \omega^-(k_2) \rightarrow h(p_1) h(p_2) h(p_3) h(p_4)$$

$$B = f_1 f_2 f_3 f_4 \left( \mathcal{B}_{1234} + \mathcal{B}_{1324} + \mathcal{B}_{1423} + \mathcal{B}_{2314} + \mathcal{B}_{2413} + \mathcal{B}_{3412} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{B}_{ijkl} = \frac{z_{ij} z_{kl}}{2f_i f_j z_{ij} - f_i z_i - f_j z_j}$$

where  $f_i = qp_i/q^2$ ,  $z_i = 2k_1 p_i / qp_i$ ,  $z_{ij} = z_{ji} = q^2 (p_i p_j) / [(qp_i) (qp_j)]$   
 $q = k_1 + k_2 = p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + p_4$

(CM)

$$f_i = \|\vec{p}_i\|/\sqrt{s} \quad (s = 4\|\vec{k}_1\|^2)$$

$$z_i = 2 \sin^2(\theta_i/2)$$

$$z_{ij} = 2 \sin^2(\theta_{ij}/2)$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 \left[ (3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2)^2 + 2(3\hat{a}_4 - \hat{a}_2^2) \hat{a}_2^2 \chi_1 + \hat{a}_2^4 \chi_2 \right]$$

$$\chi_n = \mathcal{V}_4^{-1} \int d\Pi_4 B^n,$$

$$\mathcal{V}_4 = \int d\Pi_4 = s^2 (24(4\pi)^5)^{-1}$$

$$\chi_1 = -0.124984 \quad (10)$$

$$\chi_2 = 0.0193760 \quad (16)$$

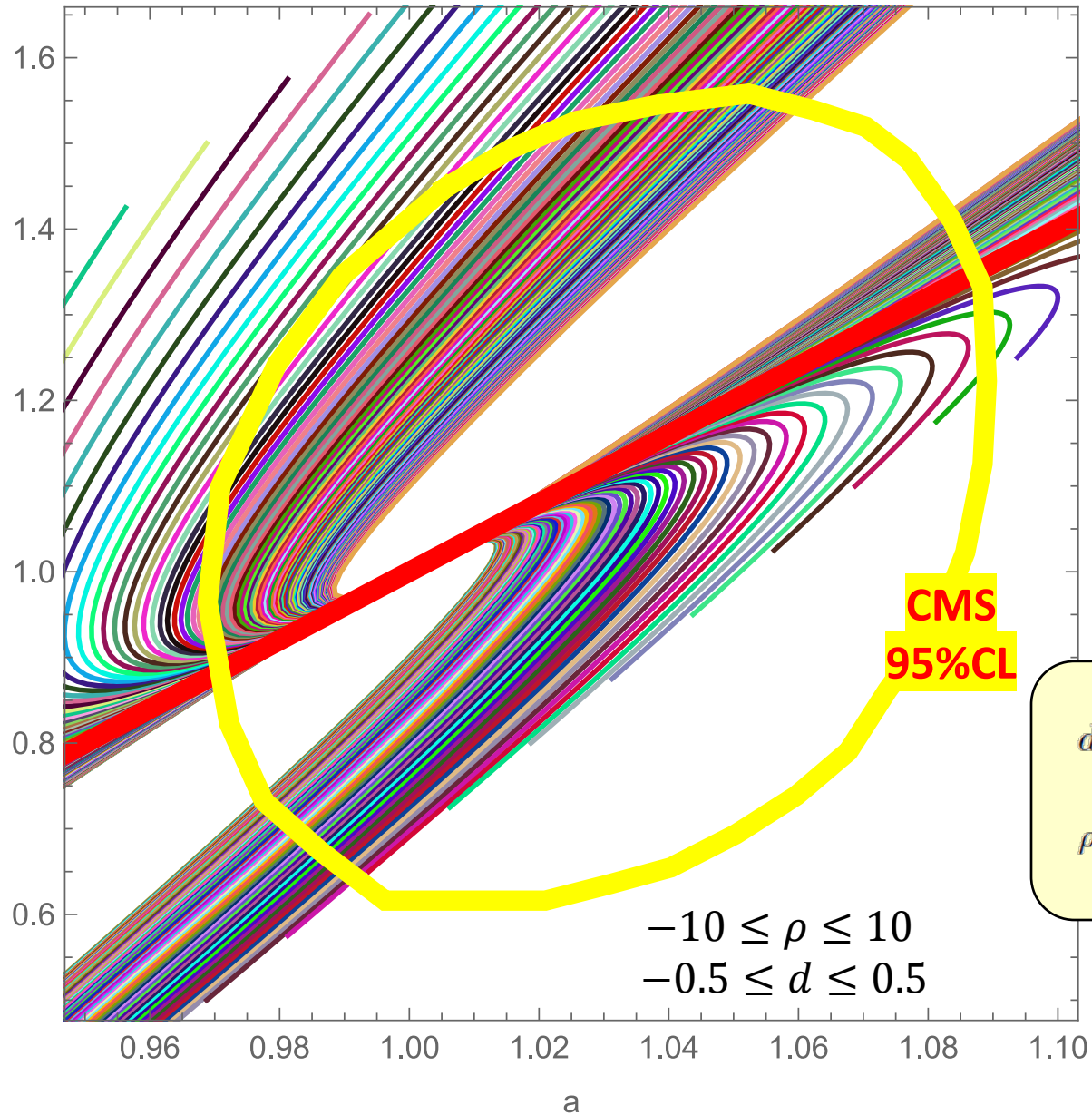
our phase-space integration code (MaMuPaXS)

What about D=8 corrections to SMEFT? →

The line turns into a “thick line”/area

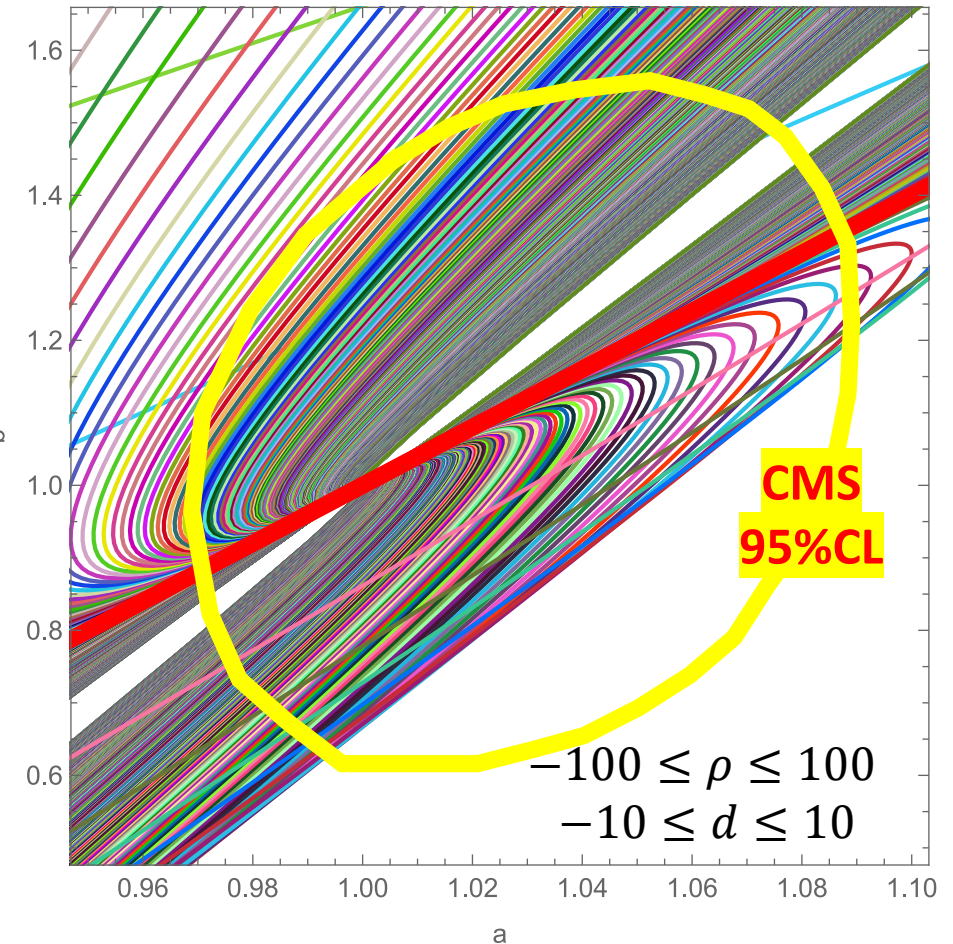
but still can't go everywhere.

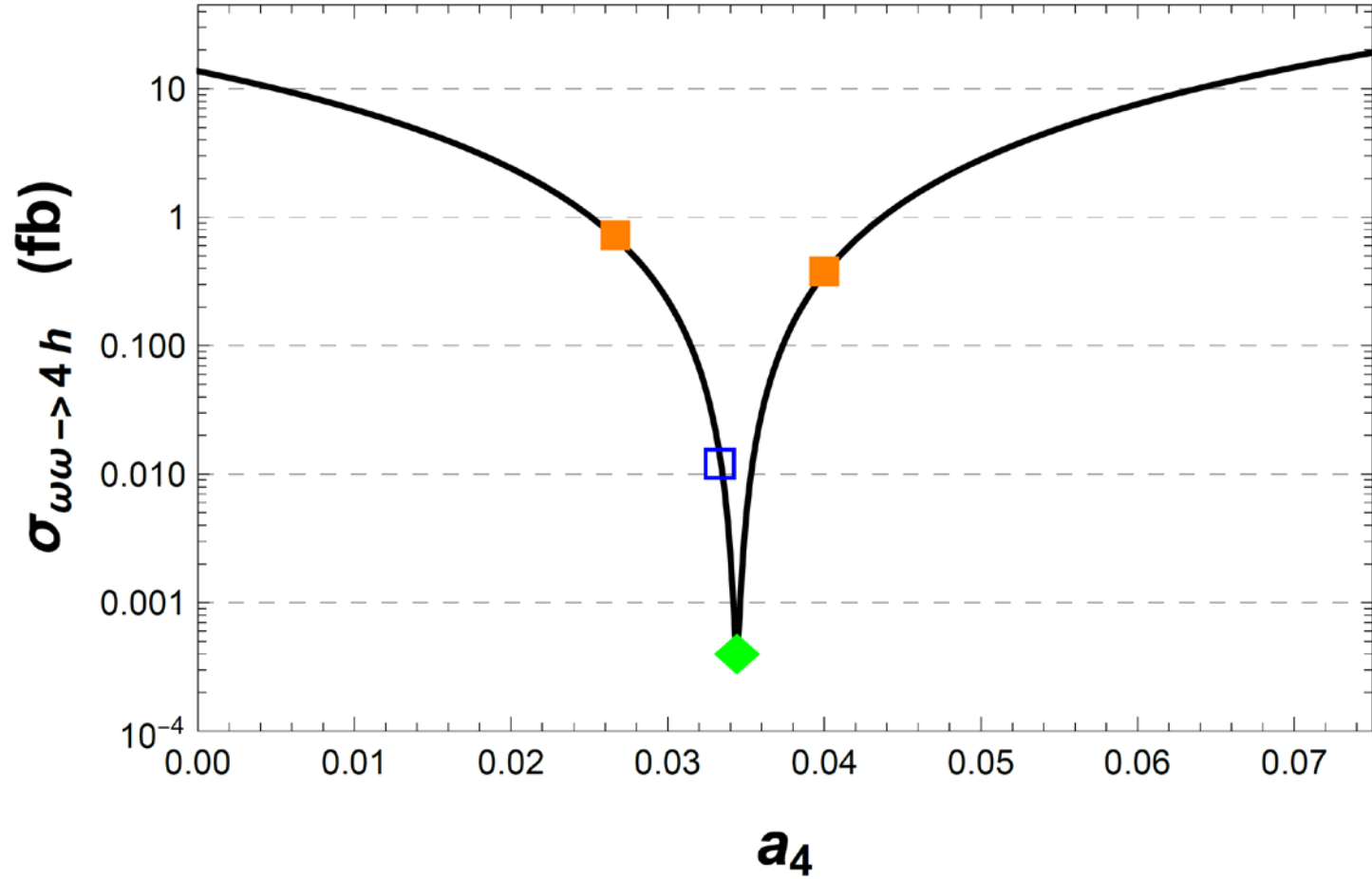
Volunteers can play with D=10 corrections



$$d = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}$$

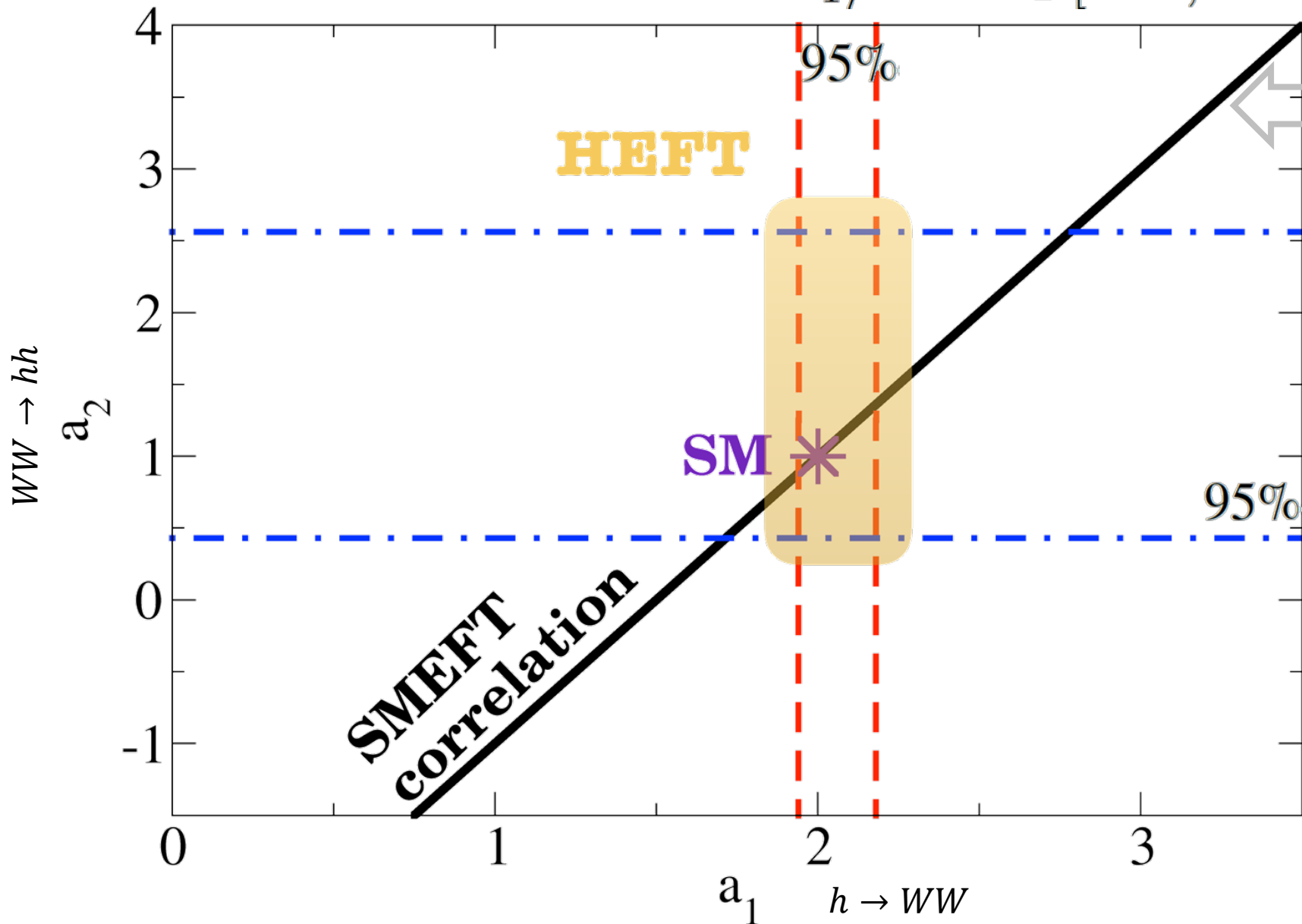
$$\rho = \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}}{2(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2}$$





**Figure 7.** Scanning of the  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$  cross section predictions in terms of  $a_4$  at  $\sqrt{s} = 1$  TeV. The inputs  $a_1 = a_1^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 2.1$ ,  $a_2 = a_2^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 1.2$  and  $a_3 = a_3^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 0.1\hat{3}$  are taken from (4.2), the SMEFT<sup>(D=6)</sup> BP. We have marked a few especial points:  $a_4 = a_4^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}} = 0.0\hat{3}$  (empty blue square) and their 20% deviations (full orange squares),  $a_4 = 80\% \times a_4^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$  and  $a_4 = 120\% \times a_4^{\text{SMEFT(D=6)}}$ . The cross section's minimum is not zero this time and it is found at  $a_4 = \frac{3}{4}a_1a_3 - \frac{5}{12}a_1^2\hat{a}_2 + \frac{1}{3}\hat{a}_2^2(1 - \chi_1) \approx 0.0344$  (filled green diamond).





SMEFT at order  $1/\Lambda^2$  predicts correlation  $a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$

$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.1, 2.2]$   
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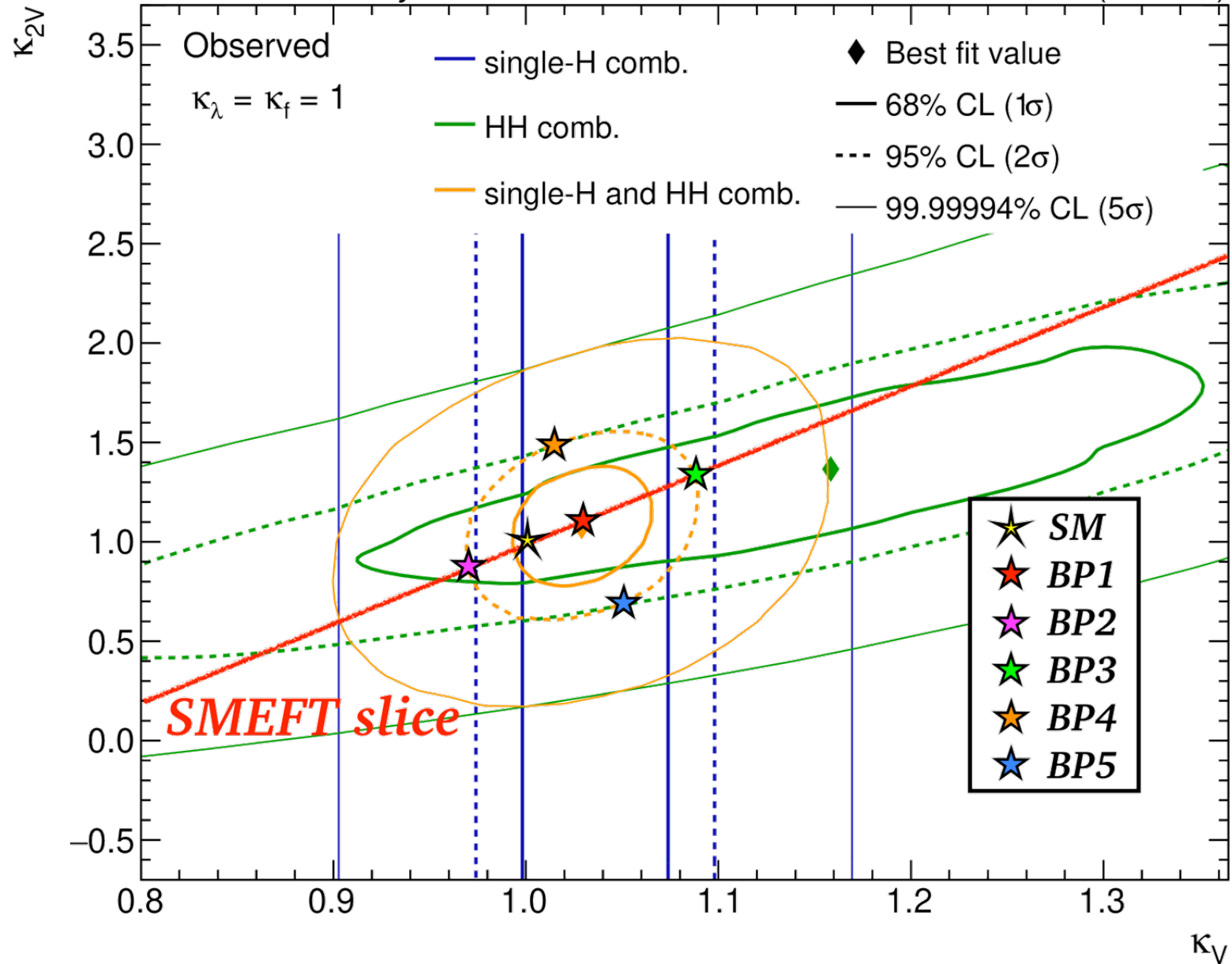
Blue and red:  
best available  
exp. bounds

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; arXiv: 2207.09848 [hep-ph]

# CMS PAS HIG-23-006

CMS Preliminary

138 fb<sup>-1</sup> (13 TeV)



Correlations accurate at order $\Lambda^{-2}$	Correlations accurate at order $\Lambda^{-4}$	$\Lambda^{-4}$ Assuming SMEFT perturbativity
$\Delta a_2 = 2\Delta a_1$ $a_3 = \frac{4}{3}\Delta a_1$ $a_4 = \frac{1}{3}\Delta a_1$ $a_5 = 0$ $a_6 = 0$ <span style="float: right; color: blue;">SMEFT</span>	$(a_3 - \frac{4}{3}\Delta a_1) = \frac{8}{3}(\Delta a_2 - 2\Delta a_1) - \frac{1}{3}(\Delta a_1)^2$ $(a_4 - \frac{1}{3}\Delta a_1) = \frac{5}{3}\Delta a_1 - 2\Delta a_2 + \frac{7}{4}a_3 =$ $= \frac{8}{3}(\Delta a_2 - 2\Delta a_1) - \frac{7}{12}(\Delta a_1)^2$ $a_5 = \frac{8}{5}\Delta a_1 - \frac{22}{15}\Delta a_2 + a_3 =$ $= \frac{6}{5}(\Delta a_2 - 2\Delta a_1) - \frac{1}{3}(\Delta a_1)^2$ $a_6 = \frac{1}{6}a_5$ <span style="float: right; color: blue;">SMEFT</span>	$ \Delta a_2  \leq 5 \Delta a_1 $ <p>those for <math>a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6</math></p> <p>all the same</p> <span style="float: right; color: blue;">SMEFT</span>

$$\Delta a_1 := a_1 - 2 = 2a - 2$$

$$\Delta a_2 := a_2 - 1 = b - 1$$

$$a_1 = \left( 2 + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)}v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 3\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 2\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right) \quad a_2 = \left( 1 + 4\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)}v^2}{\Lambda^2} + 12\frac{(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2v^4}{\Lambda^4} + 6\frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}v^4}{\Lambda^4} \right)$$

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; arXiv: 2207.09848 [hep-ph]

Consistent SMEFT range at order $\Lambda^{-2}$	Consistent SMEFT range at order $\Lambda^{-4}$	Perturbativity of $\Lambda^{-4}$ SMEFT
$\Delta a_2 \in [-0.12, 0.36]$ $a_3 \in [-0.08, 0.24]$ $a_4 \in [-0.02, 0.06]$ $a_5 = 0$ $a_6 = 0$	<b>ATLAS</b> $a_3 \in [-4.1, 4.0]$ $a_4 \in [-4.2, 3.9]$ $a_5 \in [-1.9, 1.8]$ $a_6 = a_5$	<b>ATLAS</b> $a_3 \in [-3.1, 1.7]$ $a_4 \in [-3.3, 1.5]$ $a_5 \in [-1.5, 0.6]$ $a_6 = a_5$
	<b>CMS</b> $a_3 \in [-3.2, 3.0]$ $a_4 \in [-3.3, 3.0]$ $a_5 \in [-1.5, 1.3]$ $a_6 = a_5$	<b>CMS</b> $a_3 \in [-3.1, 1.7]$ $a_4 \in [-3.3, 1.5]$ $a_5 \in [-1.5, 0.6]$ $a_6 = a_5$

$$|\Delta a_2| \leq 5|\Delta \bar{a}_1|$$

$$a_1/2 = a \in [0.97, 1.09] [67]$$

•ATLAS

$$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.43, 2.56] [69]$$

•CMS

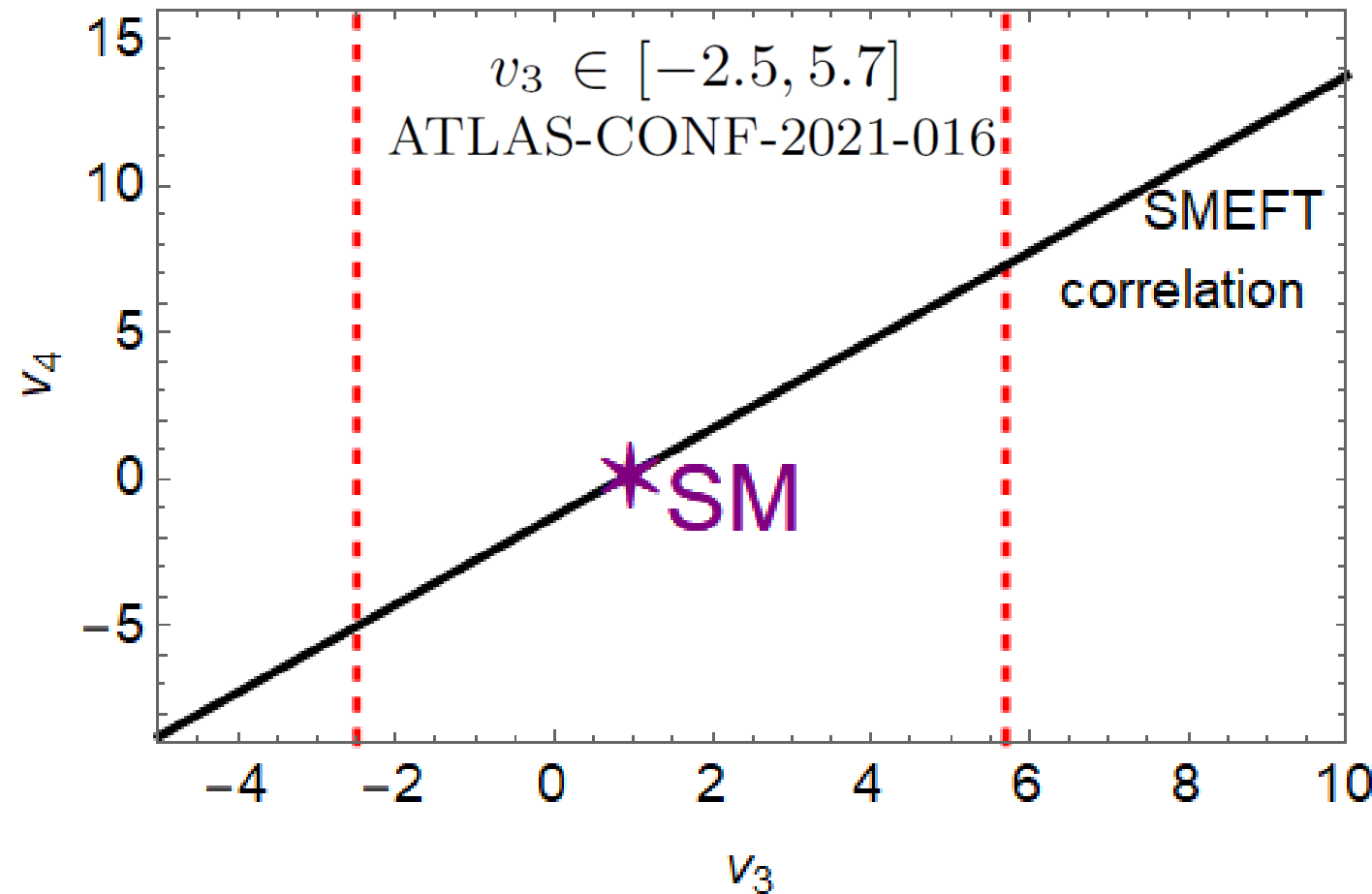
$$a_2 = b = \kappa_{2V} \in [-0.1, 2.2] [68]$$

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, 2204.01763 [hep-ph]

## Other correlations: Higgs potential

$$V_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{m_h^2 v^2}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^2 + v_3 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^3 + v_4 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^4 + \dots \right],$$

with  $v_3 = 1$ ,  $v_4 = 1/4$  and  $v_{n \geq 5} = 0$  in the SM



$$\Delta v_4 = \frac{3}{2} \Delta v_3 - \frac{1}{6} \Delta a_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Delta v_4 \in [-3.8, 8.6]$$

SMEFT

$$v_5 = 6v_6 = \frac{3}{4} \Delta v_3 - \frac{1}{8} \Delta a_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_5 = 6v_6 \in [-1.9, 4.3]$$

$$a_1/2 \in [0.97, 1.09]$$

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; arXiv: 2207.09848 [hep-ph]

HEFT correlations from the Custodial preserving SMEFT operators

$$\mathcal{O}_H := (H^\dagger H)^3, \quad \mathcal{O}_{H\Box} := (H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H).$$

$$v_3 = 1 + \frac{3v^2 c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, \quad v_4 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{25v^2 c_{H\Box}}{6\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{2} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2},$$

$$v_5 = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2}, \quad v_6 = \frac{v^2 c_{H\Box}}{3\Lambda^2} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2},$$

$$v_{n \geq 7} = 0,$$

$$\text{with } m_h^2 = -2\mu^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2c_{H\Box} v^2}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2} \right),$$

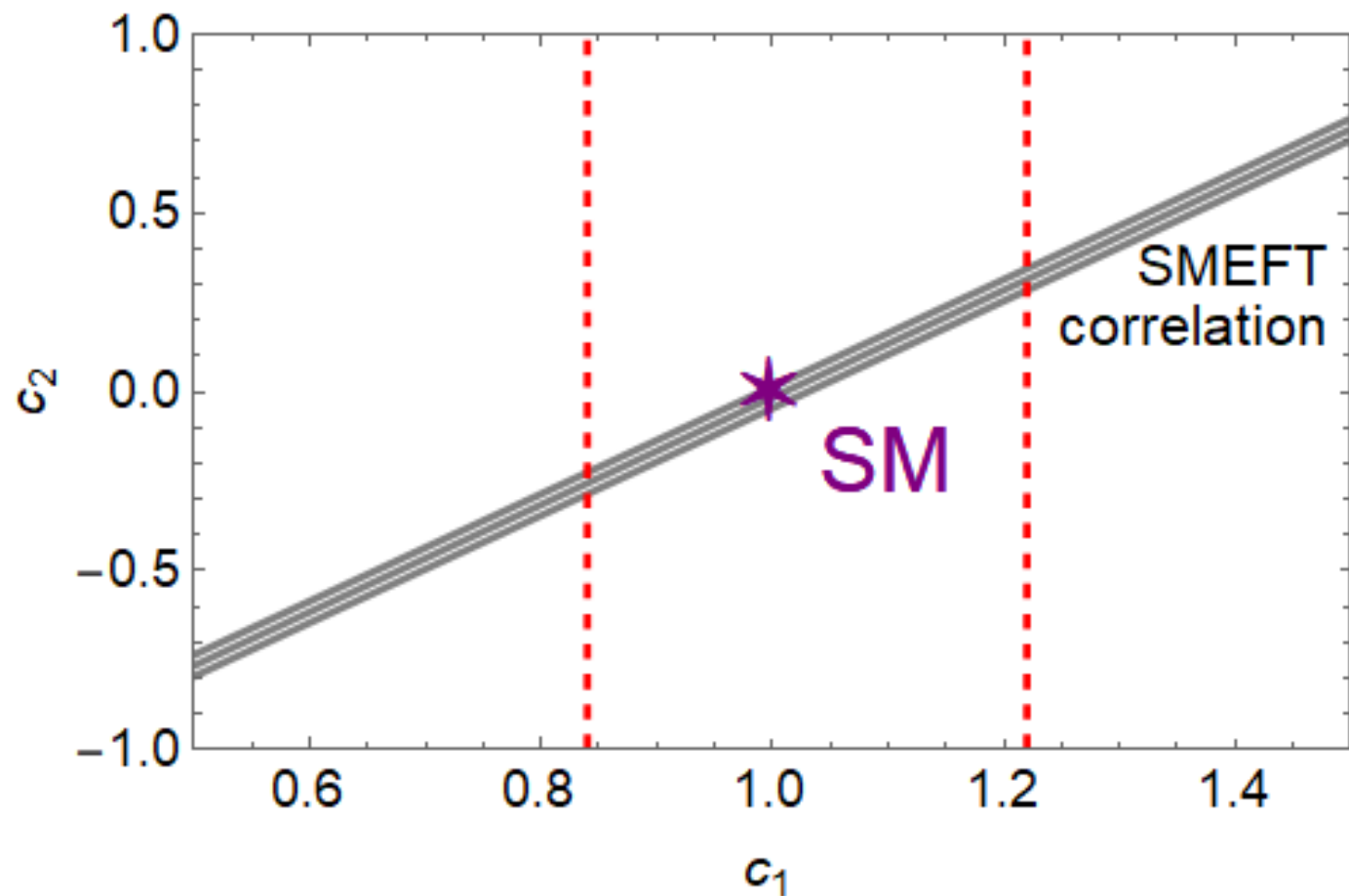
$$2\langle |H|^2 \rangle = v^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{\mu^2 c_H}{\lambda^2 \Lambda^2} \right).$$

## Other correlations: Yukawa's

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\mathcal{G}(h)M_t\bar{t}t\sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega^2}{v^2}} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{G}(h_{\text{HEFT}}) = 1 + c_1 \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} + c_2 \left(\frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v}\right)^2 + \dots$$

(with  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_{i \geq 2} = 0$  in the Standard Model)



$$c_2 = 3c_3 = \frac{3}{2}(c_1 - 1) - \frac{1}{4}\Delta a_1^{\text{SMEFT}} \rightarrow c_2 = 3c_3 \in [-0.27, 0.35]$$

(\*) Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez, SC, PRD 106 (2022) 5, 5; arXiv: 2207.09848 [hep-ph]



# Correlations in the top-Yukawa

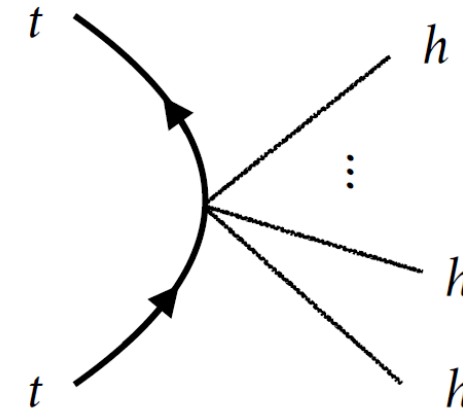
The Yukawa Lagrangian in HEFT:

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -\mathcal{G}(h) M_t \bar{t} t \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega^2}{v^2}},$$

with the function

$$\mathcal{G}(h_{\text{HEFT}}) = 1 + c_1 \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} + c_2 \left( \frac{h_{\text{HEFT}}}{v} \right)^2 + \dots$$

(with  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_{i \geq 2} = 0$  in the Standard Model).



If SMEFT applies,  $\mathcal{G}(h)$  must have only odd powers of  $(h - h^*)$  around the symmetric point  $h^*$ , we obtain the correlations

$$c_2 = 3c_3 = \frac{3}{2}(c_1 - 1) - \frac{1}{4}\Delta a_1 \quad c_2 = 3c_3 \in [-0.27, 0.35]$$

$$c_1 \in [0.84, 1.22] \quad \text{J. de Blas et al., JHEP 07 (2018), 048}$$

# Higgs Effective Field Theory

Redefined form

Calculations have also been checked with:

## Redefined HEFT Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

## Redefined Flare function<sup>3</sup>

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = 1 + \hat{a}_2 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^2 + \hat{a}_3 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^3 + \hat{a}_4 \left(\frac{h}{v}\right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

$$\hat{a}_2 = b - a^2, \quad \hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{4a}{3} (b - a^2), \quad \hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{2} a a_3 + \frac{5}{3} a^2 (b - a^2)$$

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<sup>3</sup>This redefinition gives a more direct interpretation

## HEFT Lagrangian<sup>1</sup>

[Appelquist et al. - Phys. Rev. D 22 (1980) 200, Longhitano et al. - Phys. Rev. D 22 (1980) 1166]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

## Flare function<sup>2</sup>

[Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez and Sanz-Cillero - 2204.01762]

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + a_3 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^3 + a_4 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

$$a \equiv \frac{a_1}{2}, \quad a_2 \equiv b \quad \text{with} \quad a_{1,\text{SM}} = 2, \quad a_{2,\text{SM}} = 1, \quad a_{3,\text{SM}} = 0, \quad a_{4,\text{SM}} = 0$$

# HEFT Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

Fields redefinition

$$\omega^a \rightarrow \omega^a + g(h) \omega^a, \quad h \rightarrow h + \mathcal{N} (1 + g(h)) \frac{\omega^a \omega^a}{v}$$

Redefined HEFT Lagrangian for  $g'(h) = -2\mathcal{N}/[v \mathcal{F}(h)]$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

## Redefined HEFT lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HEFT}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) \partial_\mu \omega^a \partial^\mu \omega^a + \mathcal{O}(\omega^4)$$

## Redefined flare function

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = \mathcal{F}(h) \left( 1 + g(h) \right)^2$$

- For a general normalization  $\mathcal{N}$  :

$$g(h) = -\frac{2\mathcal{N}}{v} \int_0^h \frac{ds}{\mathcal{F}(s)} = \mathcal{N} \left( -2\frac{h}{v} + 2a\frac{h^2}{v^2} + \frac{2}{3}(b-4a^2)\frac{h^3}{v^3} + \frac{1}{2}(a_3-4ab+8a^3)\frac{h^4}{v^4} + \mathcal{O}(h^5) \right)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = \mathcal{F}(h) \left( 1 + g(h) \right)^2$$

- However, for the particular normalization  $\mathcal{N} = \frac{a}{2}$  :

$$g(h) = -a\frac{h}{v} + a^2\frac{h^2}{v^2} + \frac{1}{3}a(b-4a^2)\frac{h^3}{v^3} + \frac{1}{4}a(a_3-4ab+8a^3)\frac{h^4}{v^4} + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{F}}(h) = 1 + \hat{a}_2 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^2 + \hat{a}_3 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^3 + \hat{a}_4 \left( \frac{h}{v} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

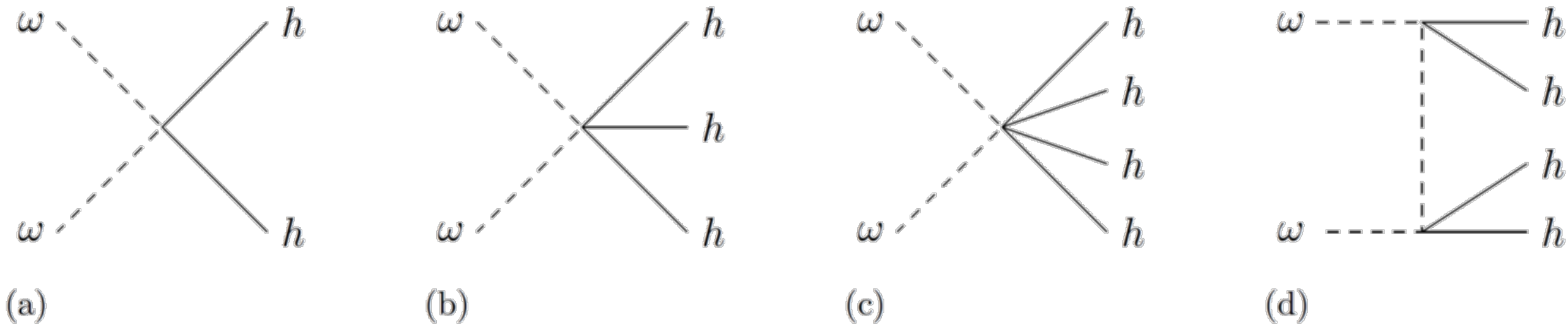
# Redefined parameters $(\hat{a}_1 = 0)$

$$\hat{a}_2 = b - a^2$$

$$\hat{a}_3 = a_3 - \frac{4a}{3} (b - a^2)$$

$$\hat{a}_4 = a_4 - \frac{3}{2} a a_3 + \frac{5}{3} a^2 (b - a^2)$$





**Figure 10.** **a)** Only diagram contributing to the process  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h$ . **b)** Only diagram contributing to the process  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h$ . **c-d)** Only two diagrams contributing to the process  $\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h$ . We have used the simplified Lagrangian (C.6) to generate these amplitudes, so every  $\omega\omega h^n$  vertex carries an  $\hat{a}_n$  effective coupling. Note that, in addition, one needs to consider all possible permutations for the assignment of the external particles.

To make yourself an idea of the important simplification:  
 $\lambda\varphi^4$  theory is simpler to compute than  $\lambda\varphi^3$

# The flair of the Higgsflare: motivation

flair

noun

UK  /fleeə/ US  /fler/

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natural ability to do something well:

• He has a *flair* for languages.

$$\mathcal{F}(h) = \left( 1 + a_1 \frac{h}{v} + a_2 \frac{h^2}{v^2} + a_3 \frac{h^3}{v^3} + \dots + a_n \frac{h^n}{v^n} \right)$$

# Low-energy EFT (SM + ...): representations

- Higgs field representation: SMEFT vs HEFT, a matter of taste? (+)

## 1) Linear\* (SMEFT): in terms of a doublet $\phi = (1+h/v) U(\omega^a) \langle \phi \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{L}} &= (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\phi^\dagger \phi) \square (\phi^\dagger \phi) + \dots \\ &= \frac{(v+h)^2}{4} \langle (D_\mu U)^\dagger D_\mu U \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (1 + P(h)) (\partial_\mu h)^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dh^{\text{NL}}}{dh^{\text{L}}} = \sqrt{1 + P(h^{\text{L}})}$$

$$h^{\text{NL}} = \int_0^{h^{\text{L}}} \sqrt{1 + P(h)} dh$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{NL}} = \frac{v^2}{4} \mathcal{F}_c(h) \langle (D_\mu U)^\dagger D_\mu U \rangle + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu h)^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{F}_c(h) = 1 + \frac{2ah}{v} + \frac{bh^2}{v^2} + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

$$\frac{v^2}{2} \mathcal{F}_c(h^{\text{NL}}) = \frac{(v+h^{\text{L}})^2}{2} = \phi^\dagger \phi$$

if there exists an  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$   
fixed point  $\mathcal{F}_c(h^*)=0$  (x)

## 2) Non-linear\* (HEFT or EW $\chi$ L): in terms of 1 singlet h + 3 NGB in $U(\omega^a)$

(+) SC, arXiv:1710.07611 [hep-ph]; PoS EPS-HEP2017 (2017) 460

\* Jenkins, Manohar, Trott, JHEP 1310 (2013) 087

\* LHCHSWG Yellow Report [1610.07922]

(x) Transformations:

Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi, JHEP 0706 (2007) 045

Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar, JHEP 1608 (2016) 101

# Relation to SMEFT

## SMEFT

### SMEFT lagrangian

[Gómez-Ambrosio, Llanes-Estrada, Salas-Bernárdez and Sanz-Cillero - 2207.09848]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SMEFT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} \sum_i \frac{c_i^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}_i^{(n)}$$

### $\mathcal{O}_{H\Box}$ operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{H\Box}^{(6)} = (H^\dagger H)\Box(H^\dagger H), \quad \mathcal{O}_{H\Box}^{(8)} = (H^\dagger H)^2\Box(H^\dagger H), \quad \partial^2 \equiv \Box$$

### SMEFT parameters

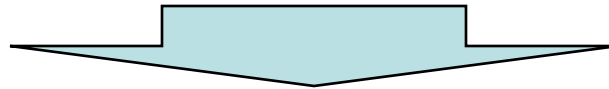
$$d = \frac{2v^2 c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2}, \quad \rho = \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(8)}}{2(c_{H\Box}^{(6)})^2}$$

# Exclusion plots

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 2h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 3h} = \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d^4 (1 + \rho)^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3 ,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d^4 \left[ (1 + \rho)^2 + 2(1 + \rho)\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right]$$

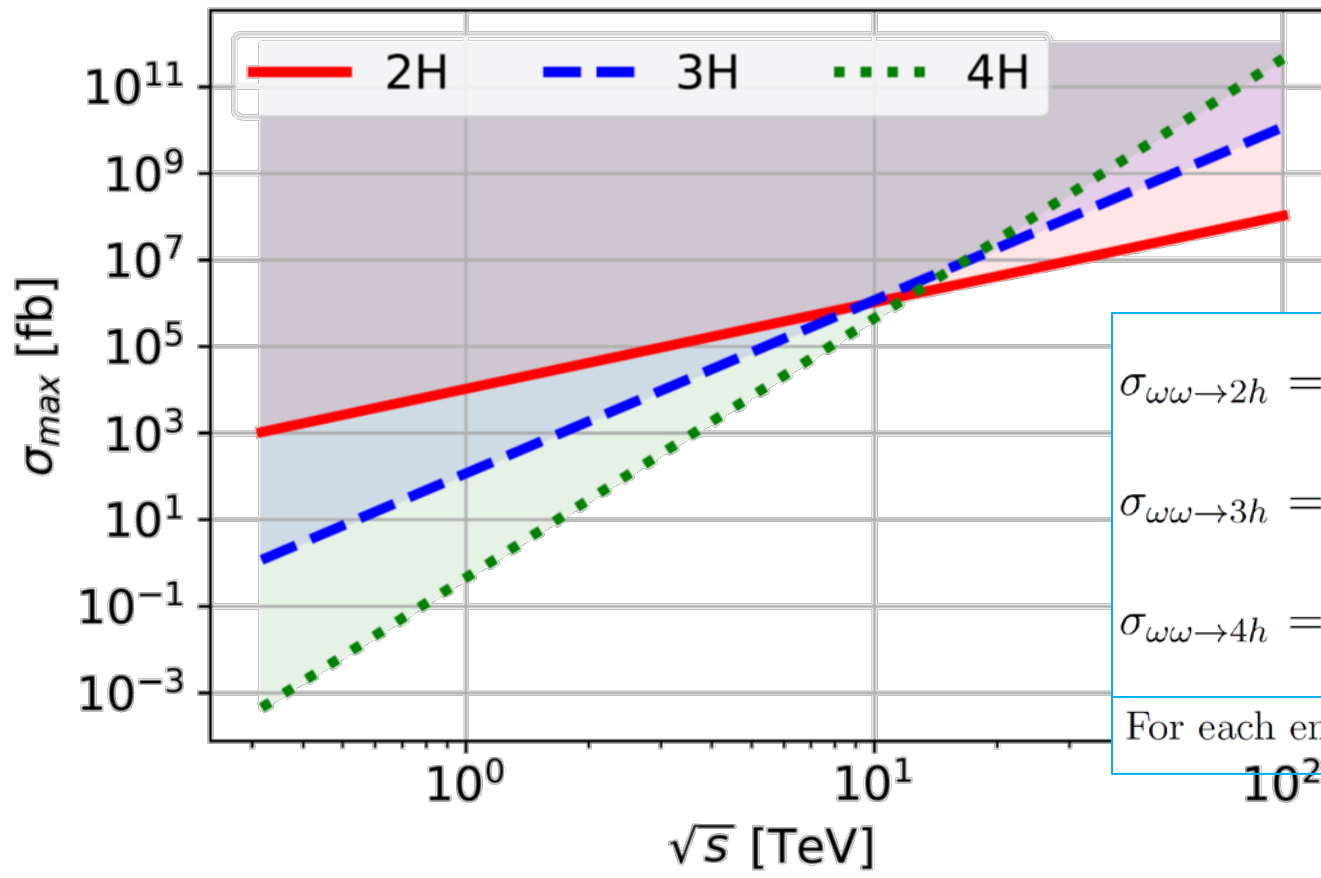


$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow hh}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d_{\max}^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2 ,$$

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$$|d| \leq d_{\max} = 0.1, \quad |\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 2h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h} = \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d^4 (1 + \rho)^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d^4 \left[ (1 + \rho)^2 + 2(1 + \rho)\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right]$$

For each energy the cross section maxima are reached for  $d = d_{\max}$

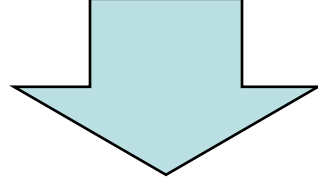
**Figure 8.** SMEFT exclusion plot for the cross sections for 2, 3 and 4 Higgs bosons with  $|d| \leq d_{\max} = 0.1$  and  $|\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$ . The regions above the solid, dashed and dotted lines can be safely excluded if the Wilson coefficients are within the considered range. Notice that the EFT perturbativity condition is not considered in this figure, as the EFT expansion breaks down on the region past the crossing point.

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- What if we require that, at a given energy, the couplings must always be small enough so the EFT power expansion is still convergent at that  $E_{\text{CM}}$  ?



$$\left| \frac{c_{H\Box}^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} \right| = \left| \frac{d s}{2v^2} \right| \leq \epsilon \ll 1$$

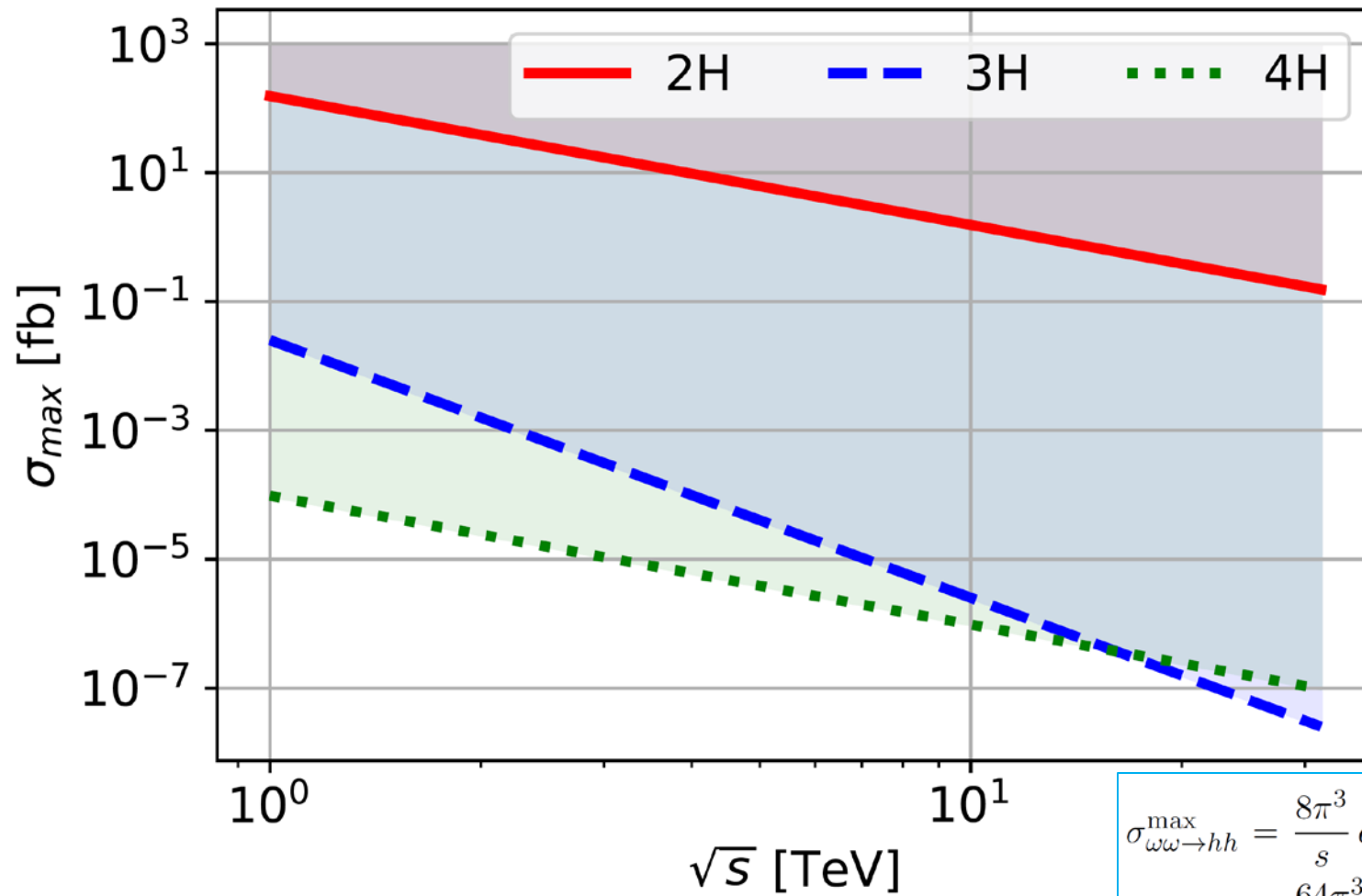


$$|d| \leq d_{\max}(s) = \frac{2v^2}{s} \epsilon$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow hh}^{\text{EFT-max}} = \frac{\epsilon^2}{8\pi s},$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 3h}^{\text{EFT-max}} = \left( \frac{v^2}{16\pi^2 s} \right) \frac{4\epsilon^4}{3\pi s} (1 + \rho_{\max})^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h}^{\text{EFT-max}} = \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \right)^2 \frac{\epsilon^4}{18\pi s} \left( (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 + 2(1 + \rho_{\max})\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right)$$



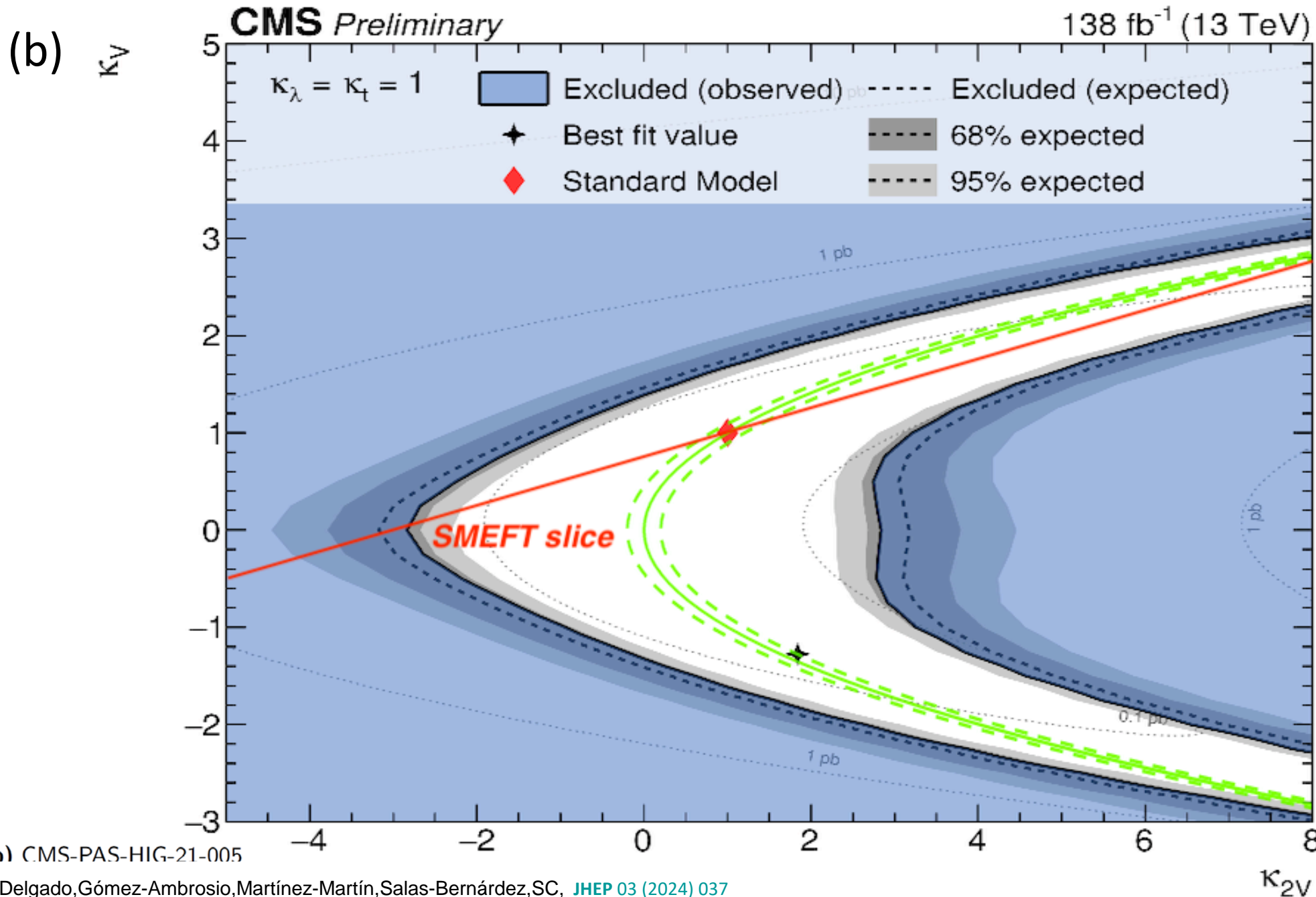
$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow hh}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{s} d_{\max}^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 3h}^{\max} = \frac{64\pi^3}{3s} d_{\max}^4 (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^3,$$

$$\sigma_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h}^{\max} = \frac{8\pi^3}{9s} \left( \frac{s}{16\pi^2 v^2} \right)^4 d_{\max}^4 \left[ (1 + \rho_{\max})^2 + 2(1 + \rho_{\max})\chi_1 + \chi_2 \right]$$

**Figure 9.** Exclusion plot for the maximum value of the cross sections for 2, 3 and 4 Higgs bosons with the constraint  $|\rho| \leq \rho_{\max} = 1$  and EFT-expansion tolerance  $\epsilon = 0.1$ .

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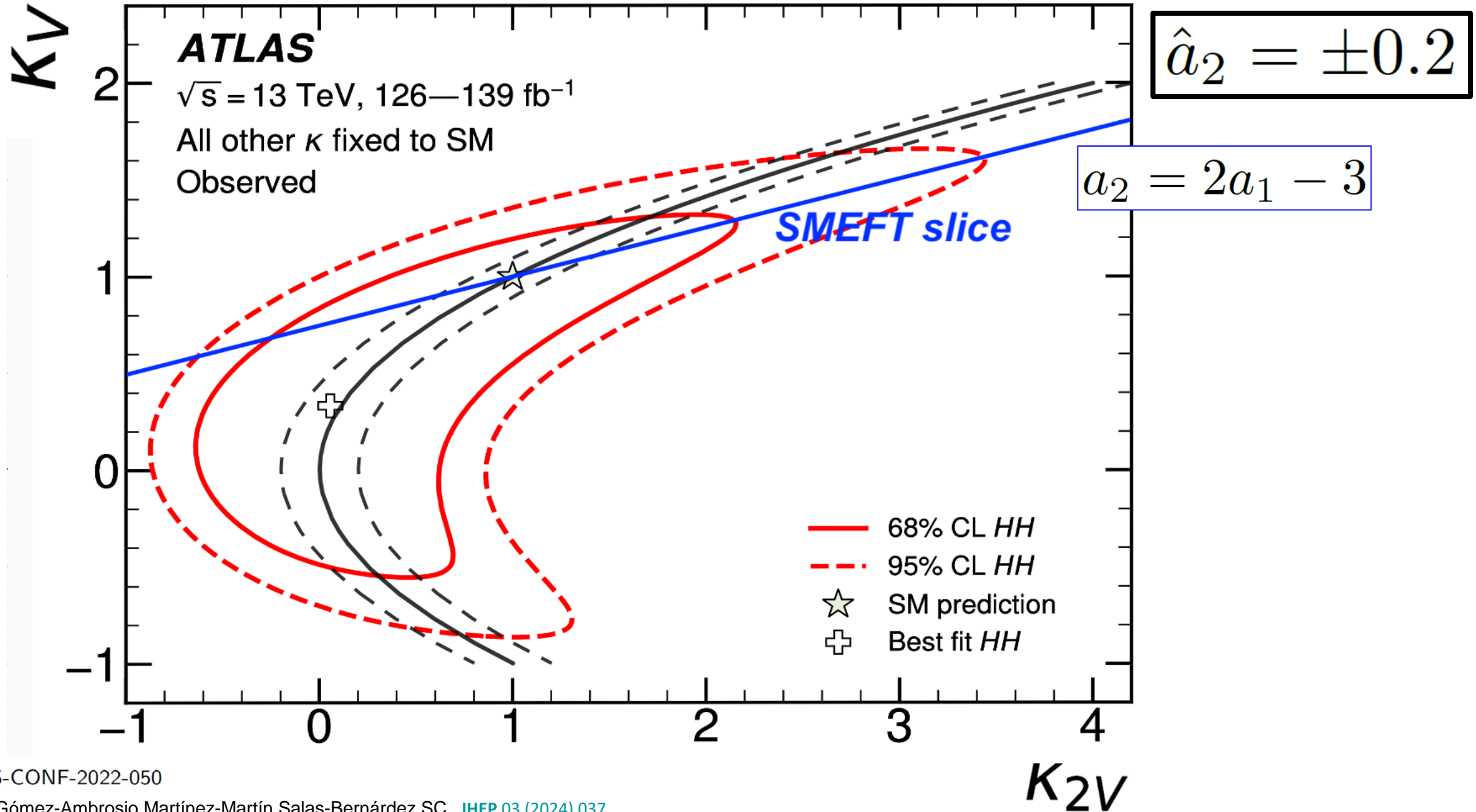
$$a_2 = 2a_1 - 3$$

$$\hat{a}_2 = \pm 0.2$$

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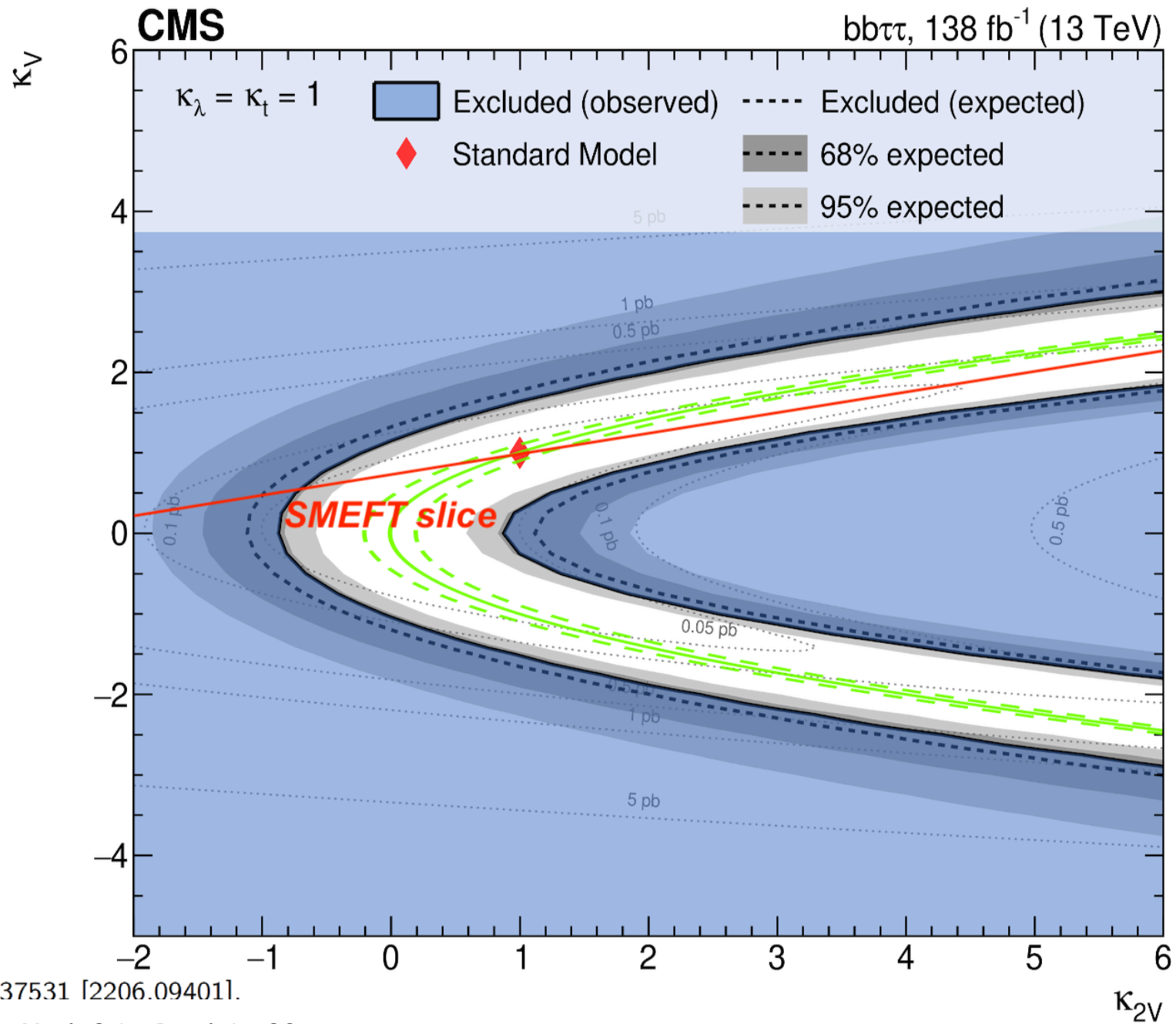
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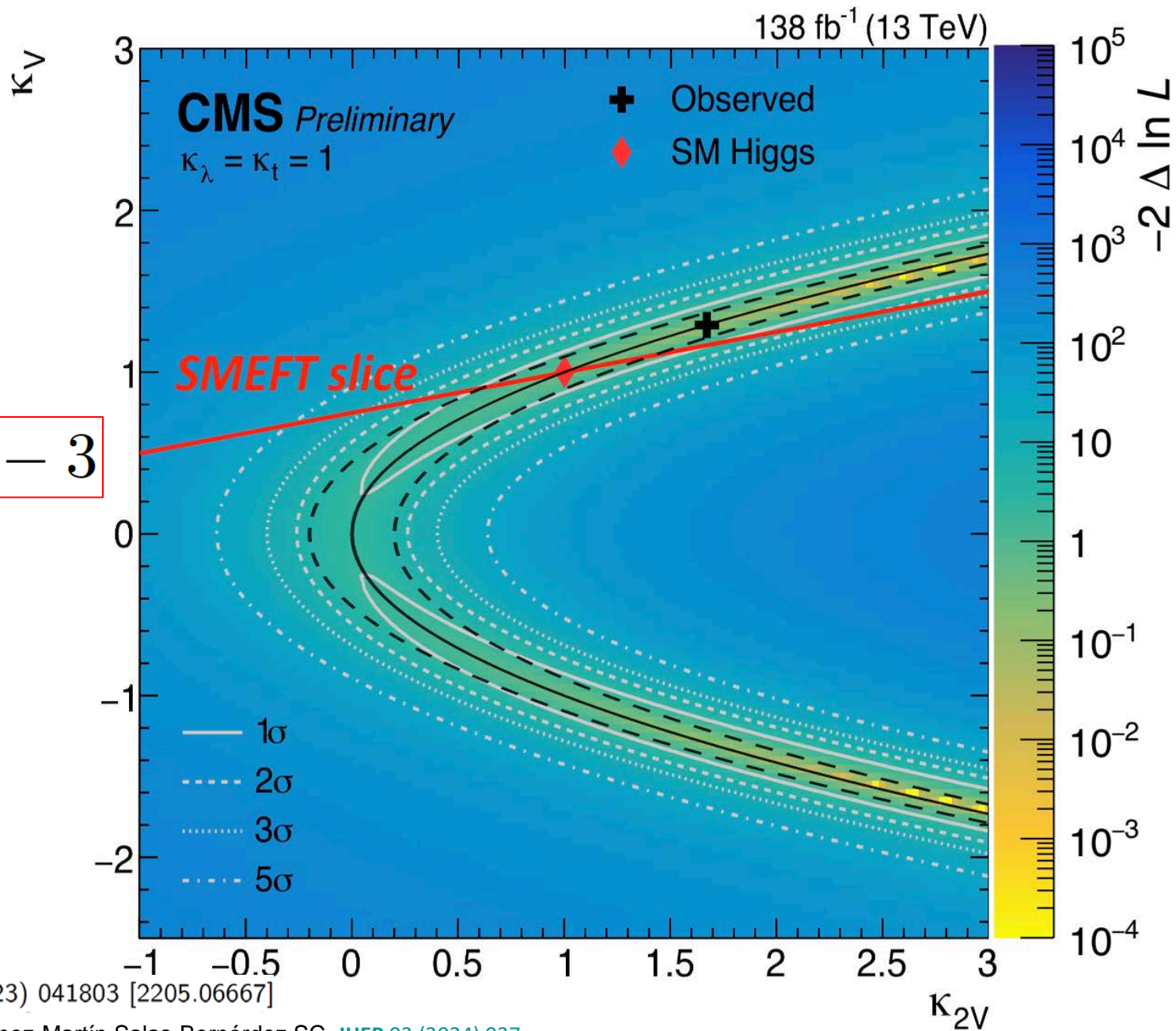
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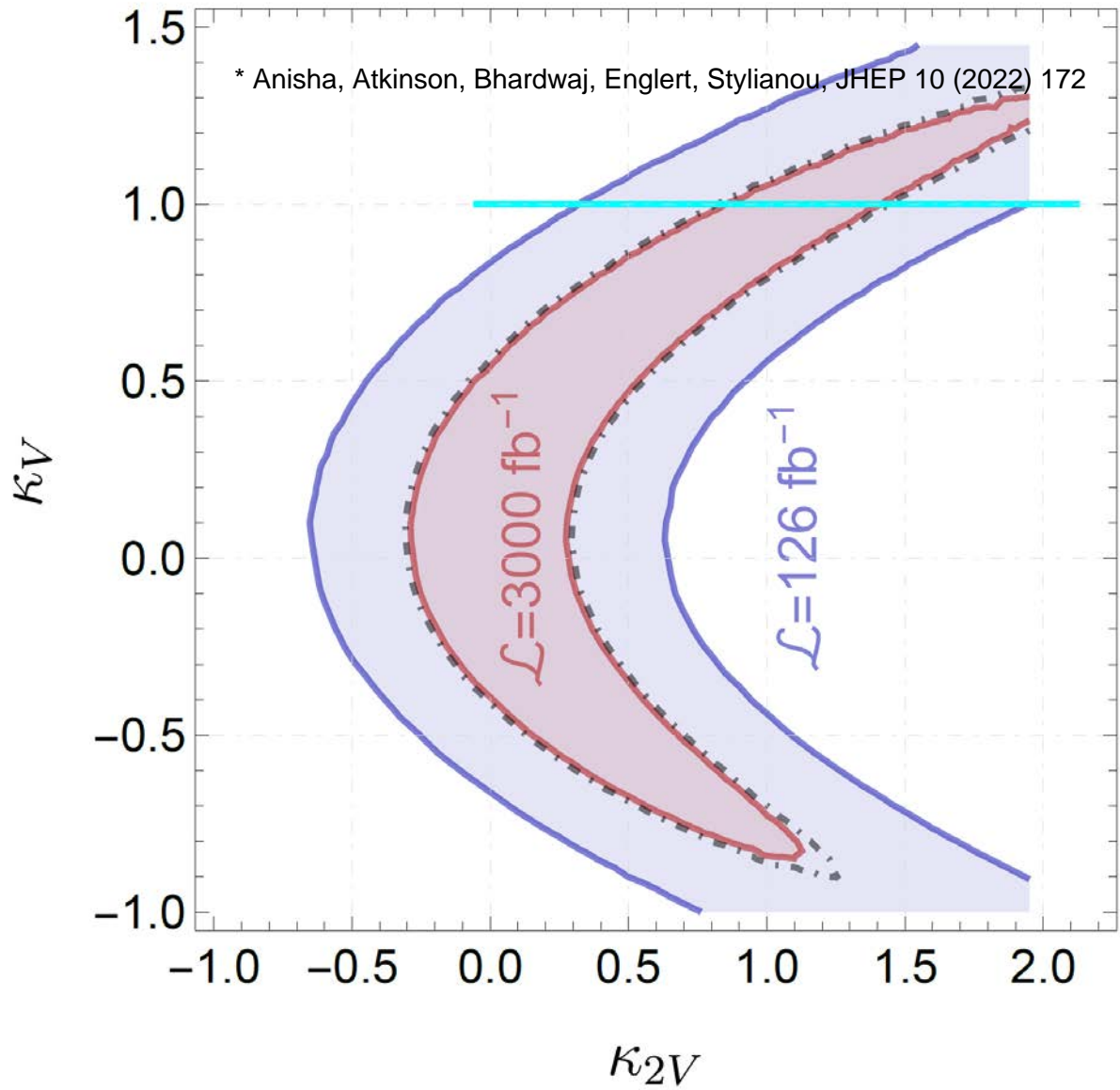
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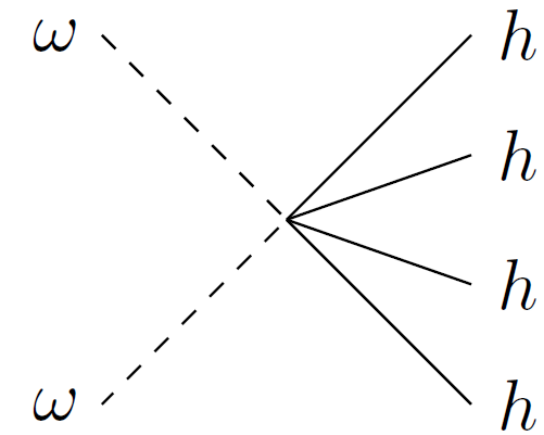


- Also previous theoretical hh-production simulations for LHC\* noted an important correlation between  $(a, b)$

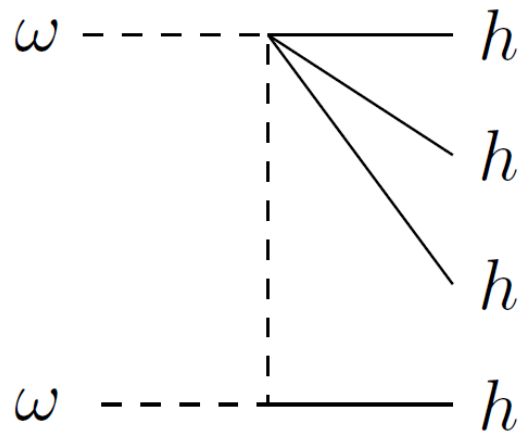
[“banana” plots, as M.J. Herrero calls them]



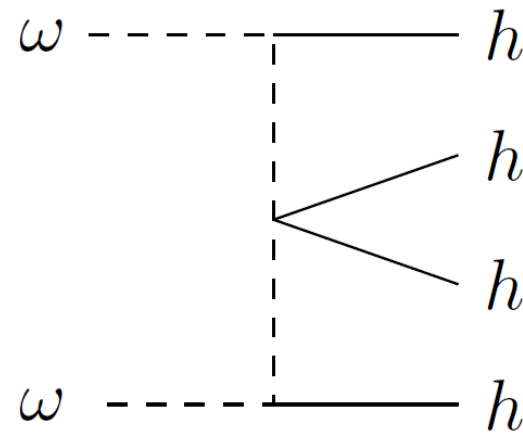
$$T_{\omega\omega \rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{y^4} (3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B-1))$$



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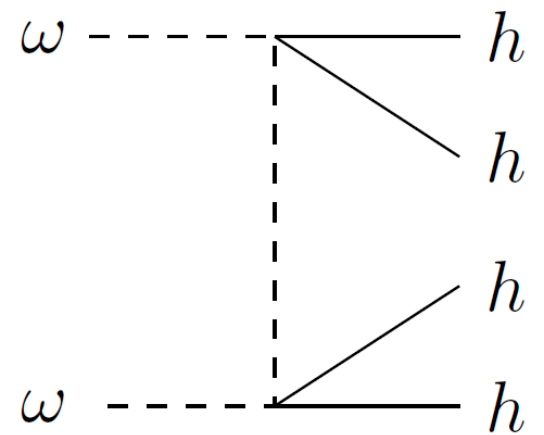


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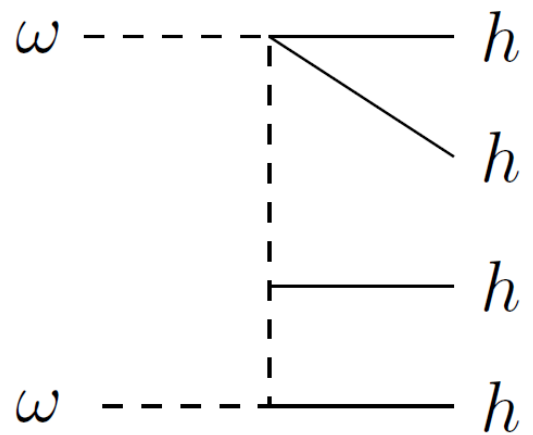


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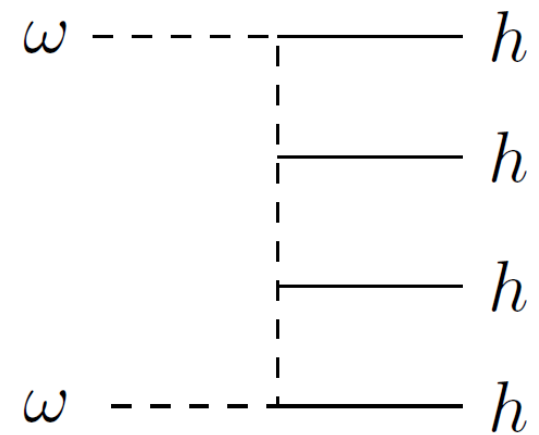
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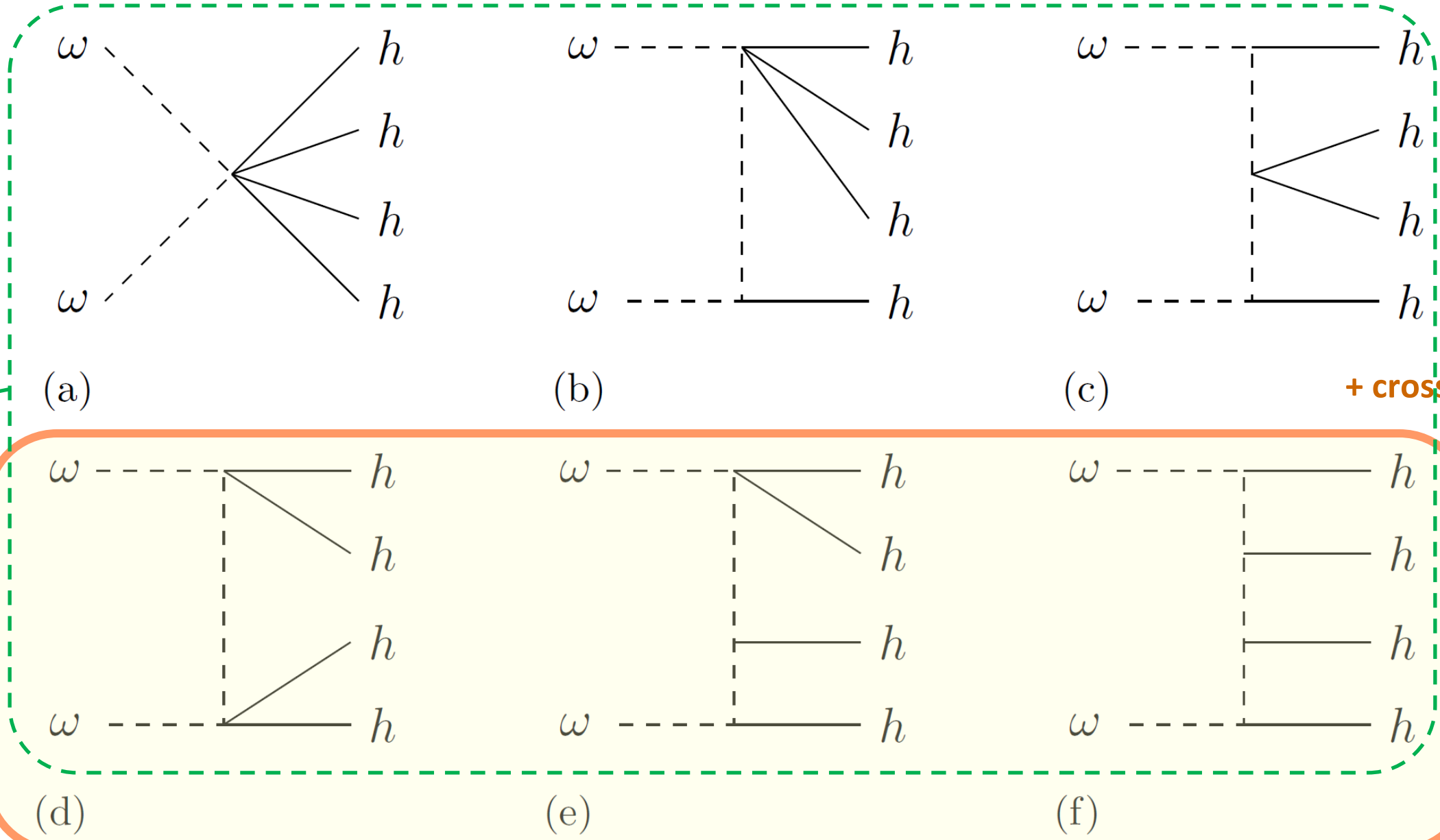


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$$T_{\omega\omega\rightarrow 4h} = -\frac{4s}{y^4} (3\hat{a}_4 + \hat{a}_2^2 (B-1))$$



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