

# SM and BSM Higgs Theory Overview

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# Zooming in on the Higgs



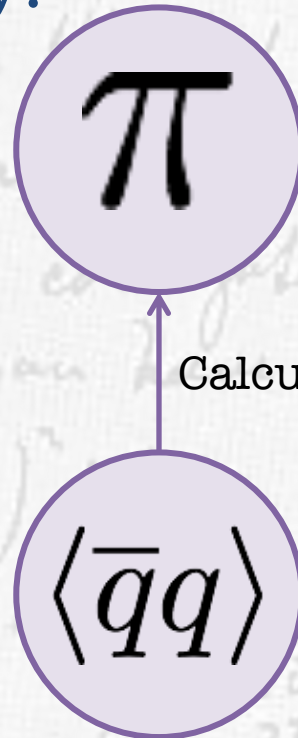
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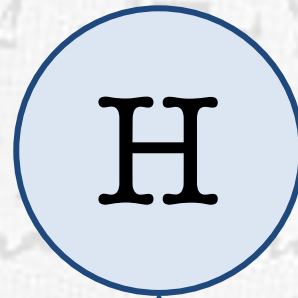
# What's in the Higgs Boson?

Every scalar we encountered until now had properties (mass, background value, etc) that are calculable within some more fundamental, microscopic, theory:



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What about the Higgs?

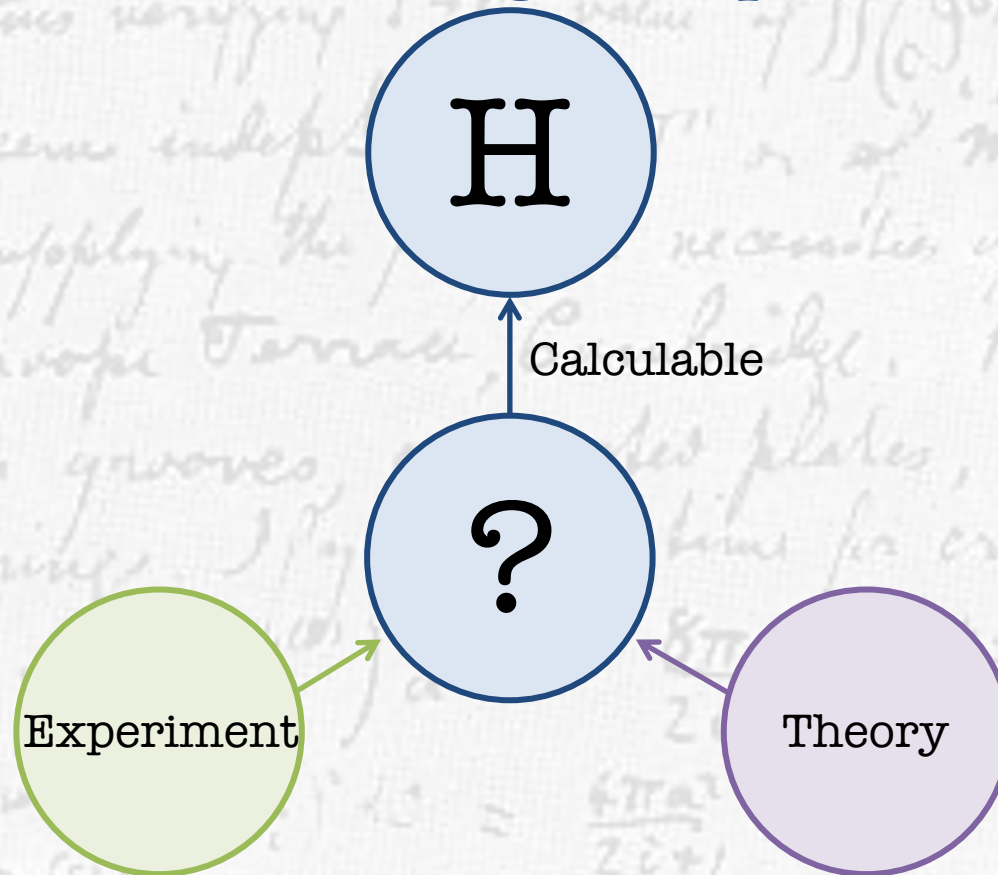


Calculable



# Progress in SM Predictions

HL-LHC will deliver unprecedented precision (2%) towards answering this question.



To know if the SM describes nature the SM predictions must match exp precision.

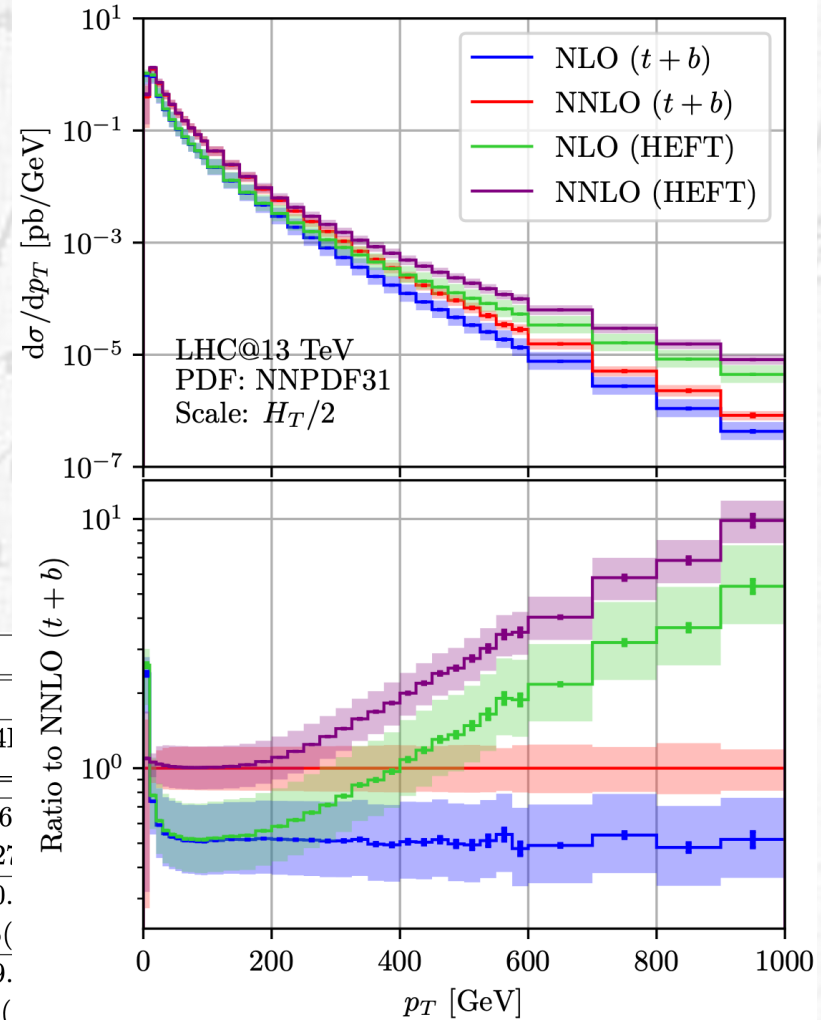


# Progress in SM Predictions

## Production

H at NNLO & q-masses!

Czakon, Eschment,  
Niggetiedt, Poncelet,  
Schellenberger  
2407.12413



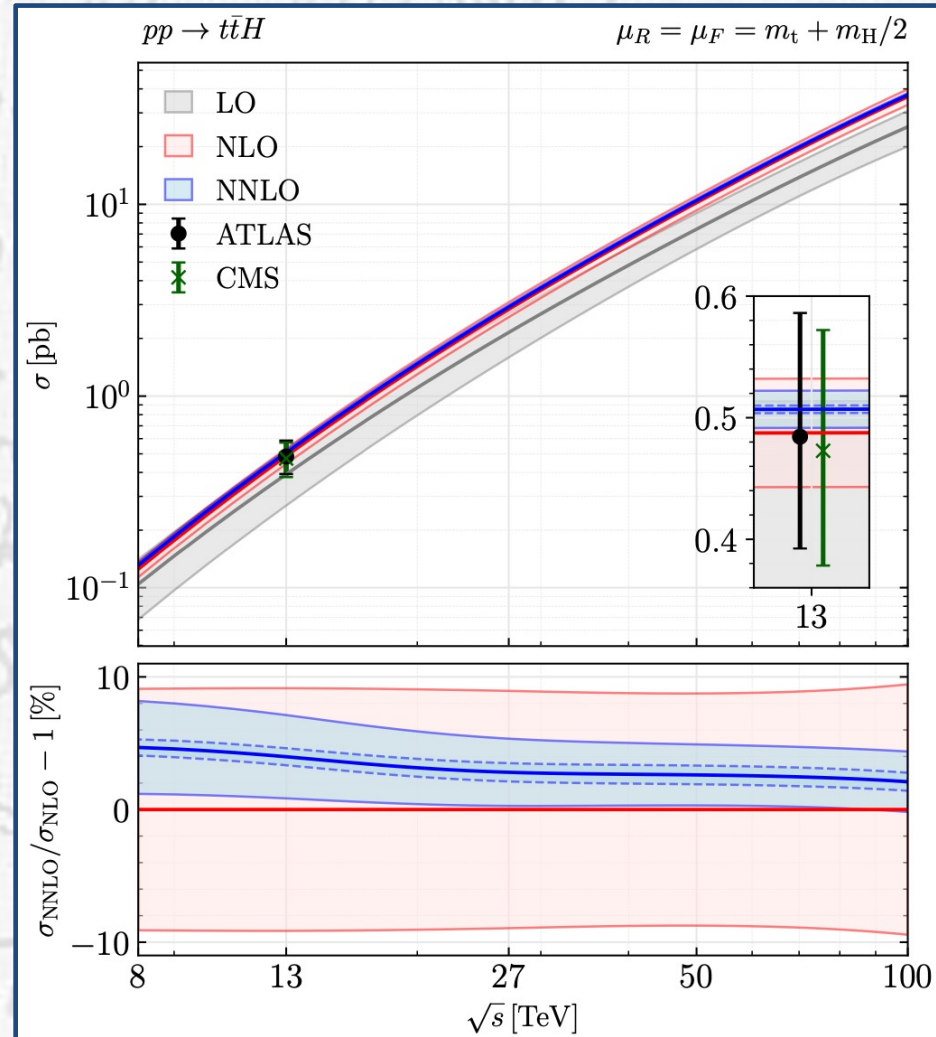
| Order                     | $\sigma_{\text{HEFT}}$ [pb] |                            |                            |                            |                          |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                           | $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ |                            |                            |                            |                          |
|                           | 5FS                         | 4FS                        | 4FS                        | 4FS                        | 4F                       |
|                           |                             | $m_b = 0.01 \text{ GeV}$   | $m_b = 0.1 \text{ GeV}$    | $m_b = 4.78 \text{ GeV}$   | $\bar{m}_b(\bar{m}_b) =$ |
| $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$ | +16.30                      | +16.27                     | +16.27                     | +16.27                     | 16                       |
| LO                        | $16.30^{+4.36}_{-3.10}$     | $16.27^{+4.63}_{-3.22}$    | $16.27^{+4.63}_{-3.22}$    | $16.27^{+4.63}_{-3.22}$    | $16.27$                  |
| $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ | +21.14                      | +20.08(3)                  | +20.08(3)                  | +20.08(3)                  | +20.                     |
| NLO                       | $37.44^{+8.42}_{-6.29}$     | $36.35(3)^{+8.57}_{-6.32}$ | $36.35(3)^{+8.57}_{-6.32}$ | $36.35(3)^{+8.57}_{-6.32}$ | $36.35(3)$               |
| $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$ | +9.72                       | +10.8(4)                   | +11.1(4)                   | +9.5(2)                    | +9.                      |
| NNLO                      | $47.16^{+4.21}_{-4.77}$     | $47.2(4)^{+5.4}_{-5.4}$    | $47.5(4)^{+5.4}_{-5.5}$    | $45.9(2)^{+4.3}_{-4.9}$    | $46.0(3)$                |

# Progress in SM Predictions

## Production

ttH at NNLO!

Catani, Devoto,  
Grazzini, Kallweit,  
Mazzitelli, Savoini  
2210.07846



| $\sigma$ [pb]          | $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV            | $\sqrt{s} = 100$ TeV          |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $\sigma_{\text{LO}}$   | $0.3910^{+31.3\%}_{-22.2\%}$   | $25.38^{+21.1\%}_{-16.0\%}$   |
| $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$  | $0.4875^{+5.6\%}_{-9.1\%}$     | $36.43^{+9.4\%}_{-8.7\%}$     |
| $\sigma_{\text{NNLO}}$ | $0.5070(31)^{+0.9\%}_{-3.0\%}$ | $37.20(25)^{+0.1\%}_{-2.2\%}$ |

# Progress in SM Predictions

arXiv:2402.03301 (hep-ph)

[Submitted on 5 Feb 2024 (v1), last revised 30 May 2024 (this version, v3)]

## Two-loop amplitudes for $t\bar{t}H$ production: the quark-initiated $N_f$ -part

Bakul Agarwal, Gudrun Heinrich, Stephen P. Jones, Matthias Kerner, Sven Yannick Klein,  
Jannis Lang, Vitaly Magerya, Anton Olsson

$t\bar{t}H$  at

Catani, Devoto,

Grazzini, Harlander,

Mazzanti, Reithle,

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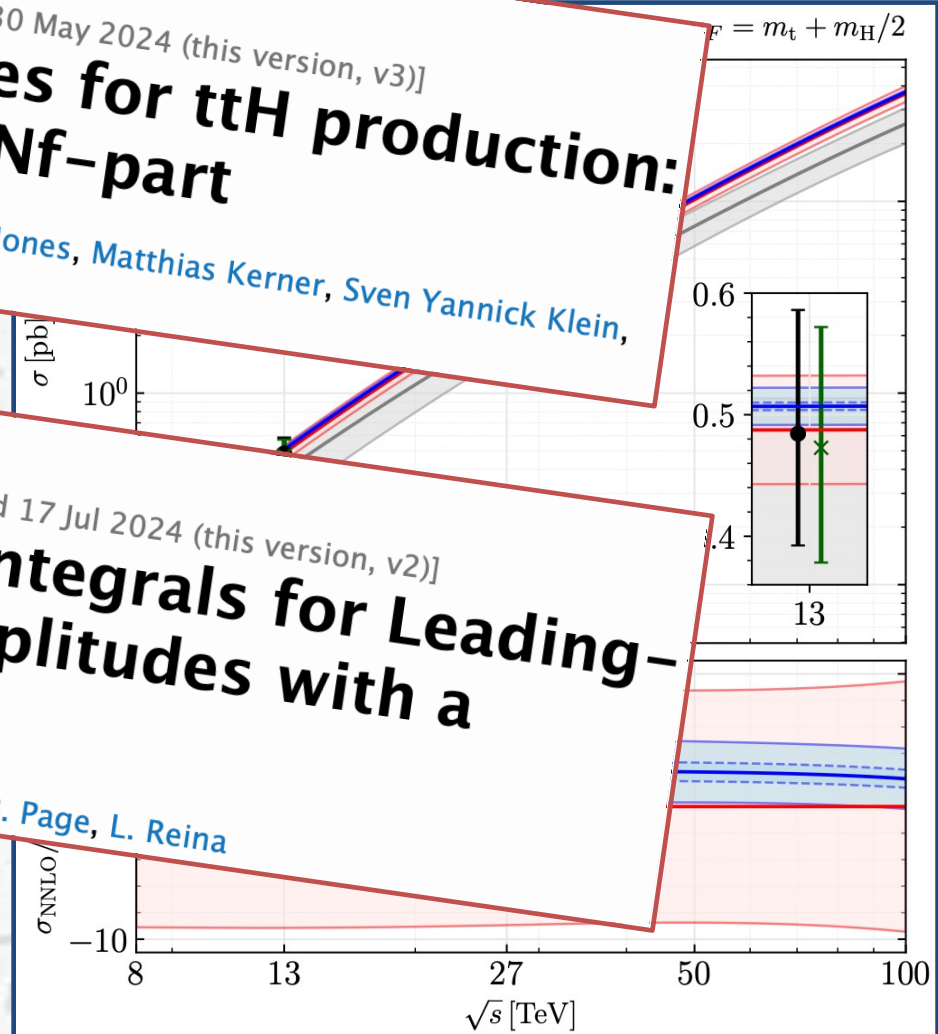
arXiv:2312.08131 (hep-ph)

[Submitted on 13 Dec 2023 (v1), last revised 17 Jul 2024 (this version, v2)]

## Two-Loop Master Integrals for Leading- Color $pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}H$ Amplitudes with a Light-Quark Loop

F. Febres Cordero, G. Figueiredo, M. Kraus, B. Page, L. Reina

| $\sigma$ [pb]          |                                |                               |
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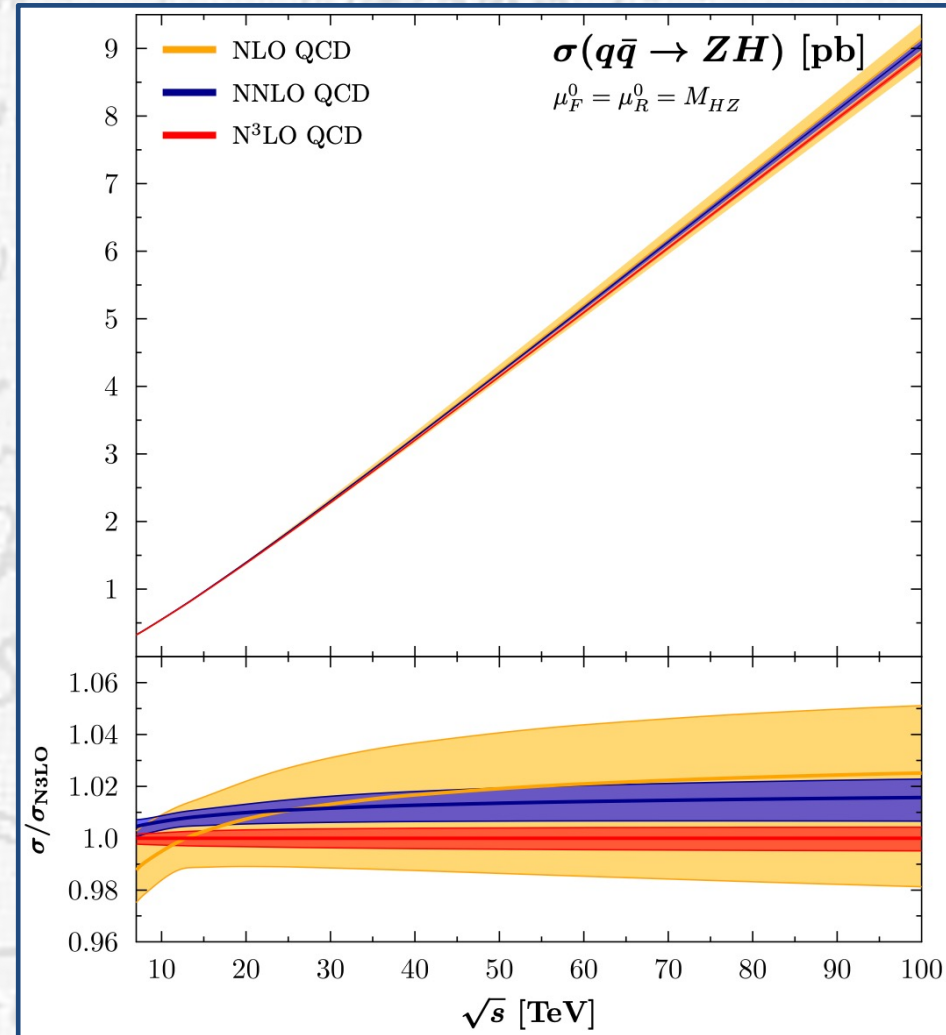
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## Production

VH at NNNLO!

Baglio, Duhr,  
Mistlberger, Szafron

2209.06138



| Process | $\sigma^{\text{N}^3\text{LO}}$ [pb] | $\delta(\text{PDF})$ [%] | $\delta(\text{PDF} + \alpha_S)$ [%] | $\delta(\text{PDF-TH})$ [%] |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $W^+H$  | 0.883                               | $\pm 1.59$               | $\pm 1.80$                          | $\pm 1.45$                  |
| $W^-H$  | 0.558                               | $\pm 1.76$               | $\pm 1.93$                          | $\pm 1.64$                  |
| $ZH$    | 0.785                               | $\pm 1.82$               | $\pm 1.99$                          | $\pm 1.54$                  |

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VH at NLO top!

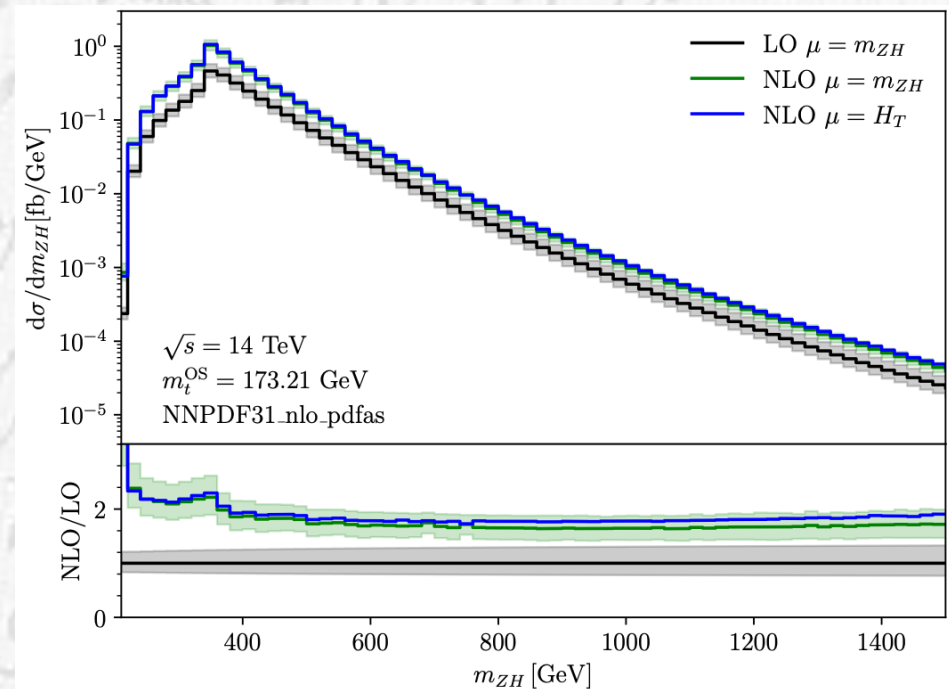
Chen, Davies, Heinrich,

Jones, Kerner,

Mishima, Schlenk,

Steinhauser

2204.05225



| $\sqrt{s}$ | LO [fb]                     | NLO [fb]                       |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 13 TeV     | $52.42^{+25.5\%}_{-19.3\%}$ | $103.8(3)^{+16.4\%}_{-13.9\%}$ |
| 13.6 TeV   | $58.06^{+25.1\%}_{-19.0\%}$ | $114.7(3)^{+16.2\%}_{-13.7\%}$ |
| 14 TeV     | $61.96^{+24.9\%}_{-18.9\%}$ | $122.2(3)^{+16.1\%}_{-13.6\%}$ |

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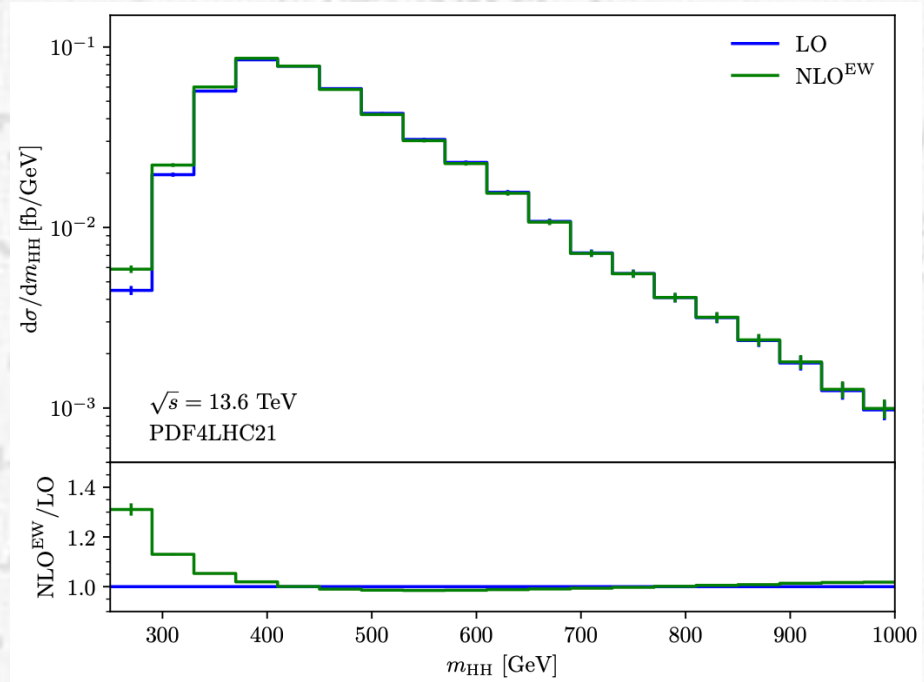
HH at NLO EW!

Heinrich, Jones,

Kerner, Stone,

Vestner

2407.04653



| $\sqrt{s}$             | 13 TeV | 13.6 TeV | 14 TeV |
|------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| LO [fb]                | 16.45  | 18.26    | 19.52  |
| NLO <sup>EW</sup> [fb] | 16.69  | 18.52    | 19.79  |
| NLO <sup>EW</sup> /LO  | 1.01   | 1.01     | 1.01   |



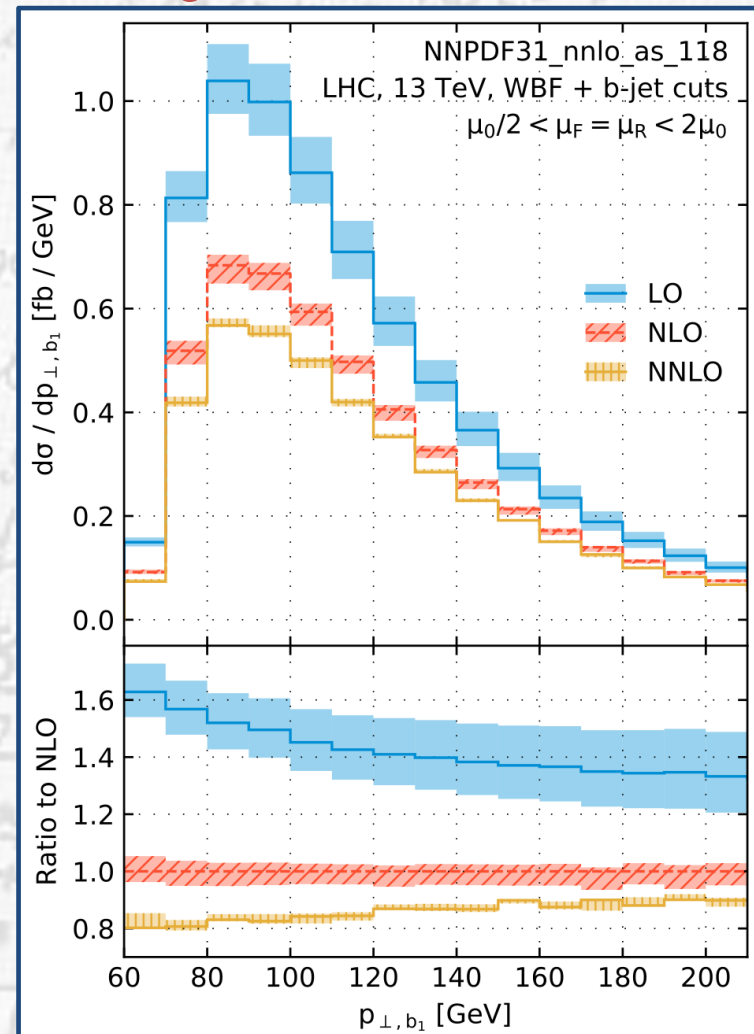
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## Production and Decay

VBF at NNLO with  
decay!

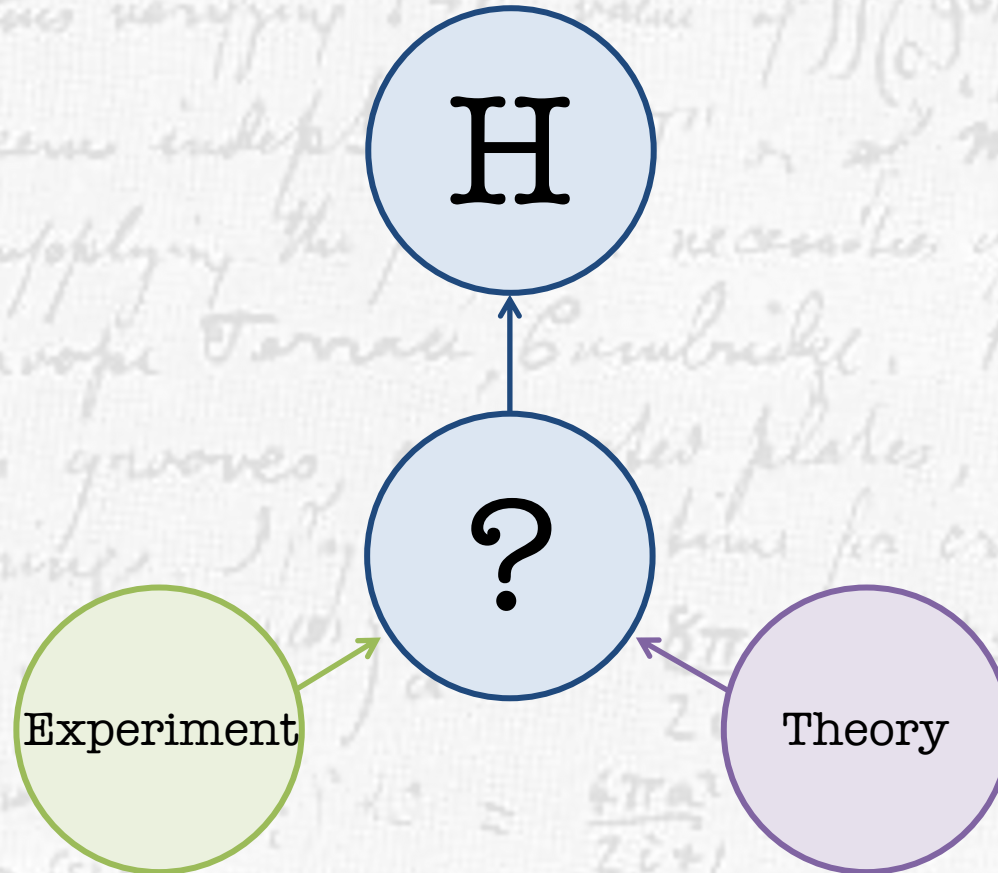
Asteriadis, Behring,  
Melnikov, Novikov, Röntsch  
2407.09363

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^{\text{LO}} &= 75.6_{-5.6}^{+6.5} \text{ fb}, \\ \sigma^{\text{NLO}} &= 52.4_{-2.6}^{+1.5} \text{ fb}, \\ \sigma^{\text{NNLO}} &= 44.6_{-0.6}^{+0.9} \text{ fb},\end{aligned}$$



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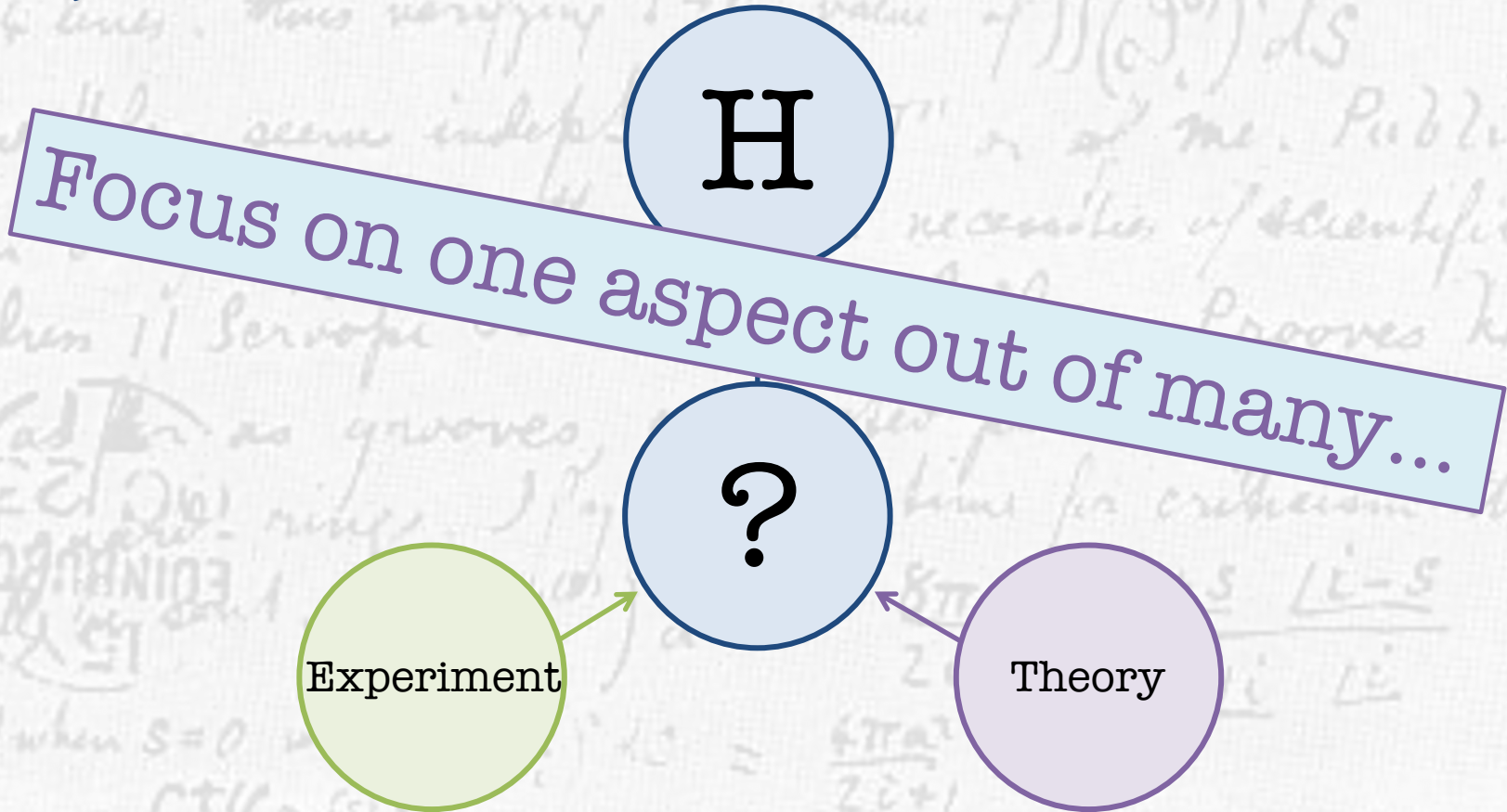
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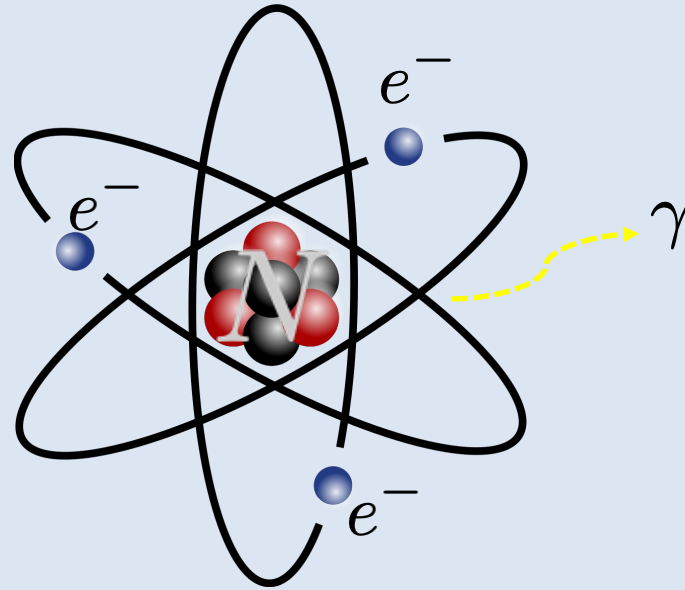


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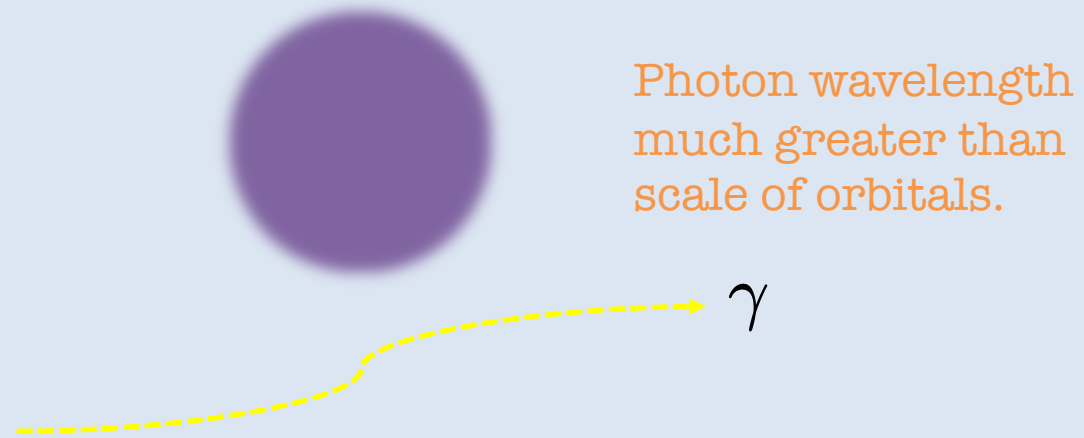
Photon wavelength  
on scale of orbitals.

The appropriate theory at this length scale contains the photon, electrons and nucleus:

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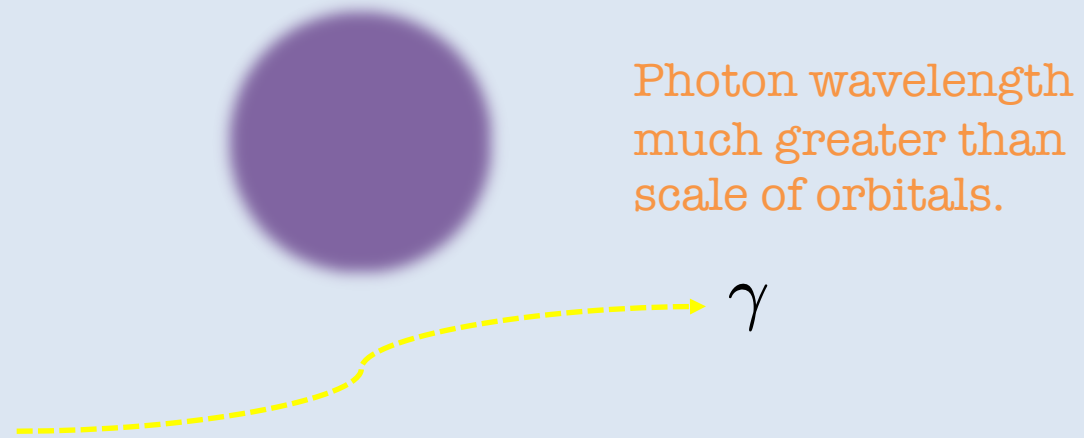


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$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\gamma, \chi)$$

# Effective Field Theory Basics

Consider exploring a neutral atom at much lower energies:



Crucially, the substructure is encoded in “higher dimension operators”, like dipoles or Rayleigh...

$$\mathcal{L} = \dots + \frac{\chi^2}{\Lambda^2} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

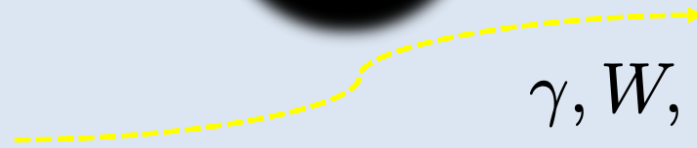


# Effective Field Theory Basics

The same is true for the Higgs boson!



Collider wavelength  
greater than scale of  
microscopic new  
physics...



$\gamma, W, Z, g, \dots$

The Standard Model is an “Effective Field Theory”. Unknown smaller distance physics in extra “operators”:

$\mathcal{L} =$

A photograph of a person's torso wearing a black t-shirt with white handwritten text. The text represents a Lagrangian density with terms for gauge fields, fermions, and a scalar field.
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i\bar{\psi}\not{D}\psi \\ & + \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_3 \psi_j + h.c. \\ & + |D_\mu\phi|^2 - V(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{jk} \frac{c_j}{\Lambda^k} \mathcal{O}_{jk}$$

# Organizing the Unknown

Naïve dimensional analysis:

$$[H] = [A_\mu] = \frac{1}{LC} \quad , \quad [\psi] = \frac{1}{L^{3/2}C}$$

Fields carry not only dimension of inverse length, but also inverse coupling.

Fermi Scale

Interaction:  $\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{\psi^4}{\Lambda^2}$

Dimension:  $[\Lambda] = [G_F^{-1/2}] = \frac{[M_W]}{[g]}$

UV-completion

Coupling

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New Physics Scale

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Dimension:  $[\Lambda^2] = \frac{[M^2]}{[g^4]}$

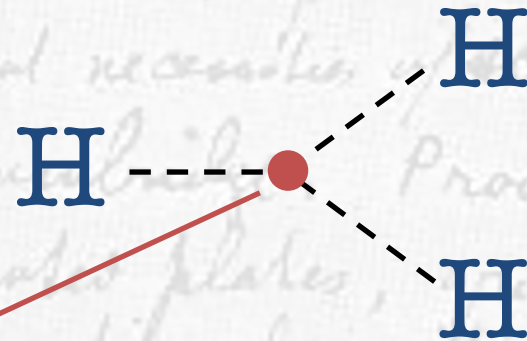
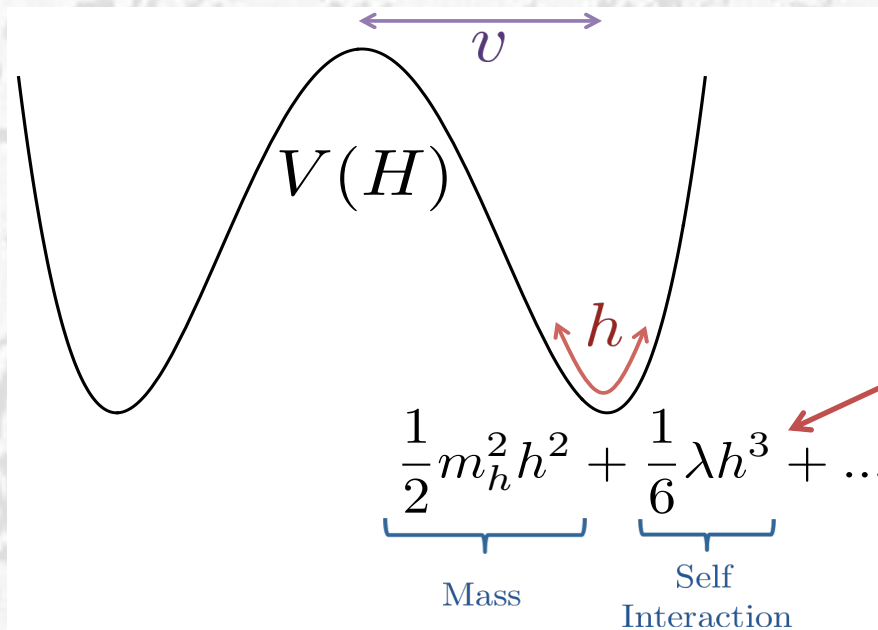
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# Naïve Dimensional Analysis

It's known that  $O_6$  contributes to Higgs self-interaction, how it gives mass to itself, etc.



But less-well appreciated are the NDA aspects underlying it...

# Naïve Dimensional Analysis

The fact that

$$[c_6] = [g^4]$$

and all other operator coefficients have

$$[c_j] \leq [g^2]$$

makes the self-coupling special, with one important implication I'll highlight today.

# Self-Coupling Dominance

No obstruction to having Higgs self-coupling modifications a “loop factor” greater than **all** other couplings. Could have

$$\left| \frac{\delta_{h^3}}{\delta_{VV}} \right| \lesssim \min \left[ \left( \frac{4\pi v}{m_h} \right)^2, \left( \frac{M}{m_h} \right)^2 \right]$$

without fine-tuning any parameters, as big as,

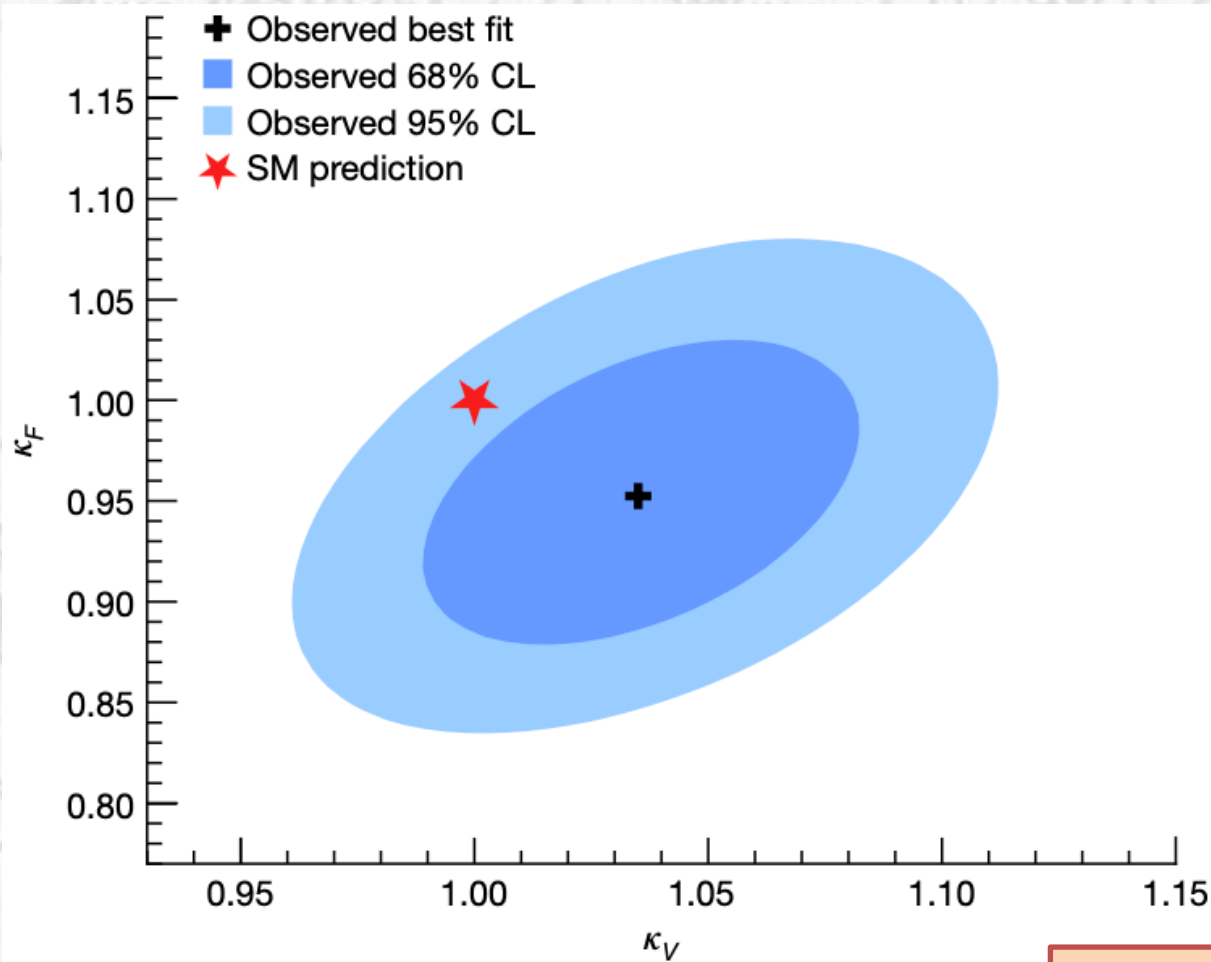
$$(4\pi v/m_h)^2 \approx 600$$

which is significant!



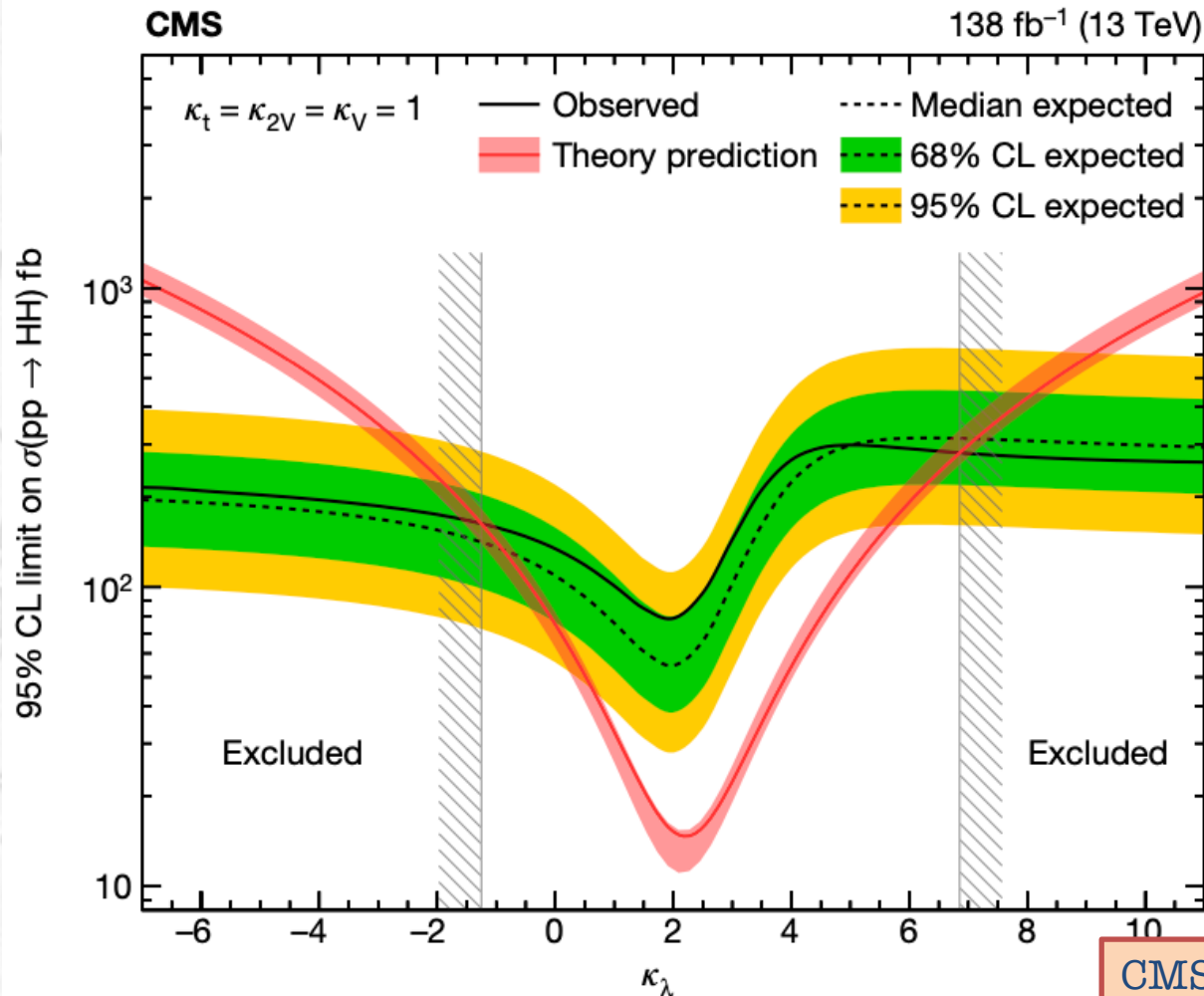
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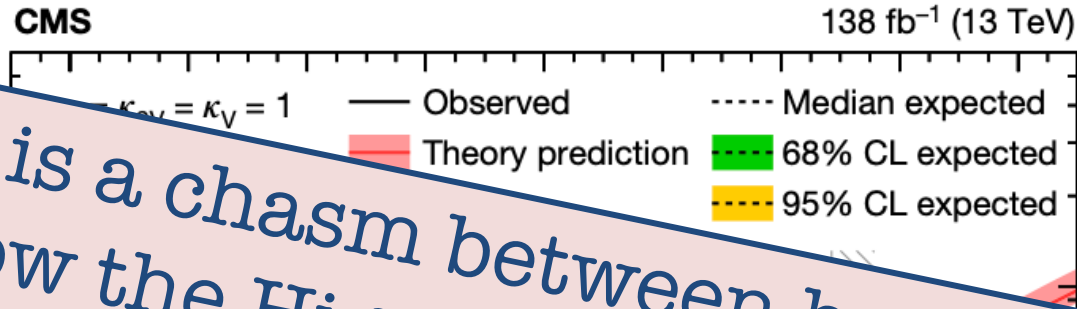
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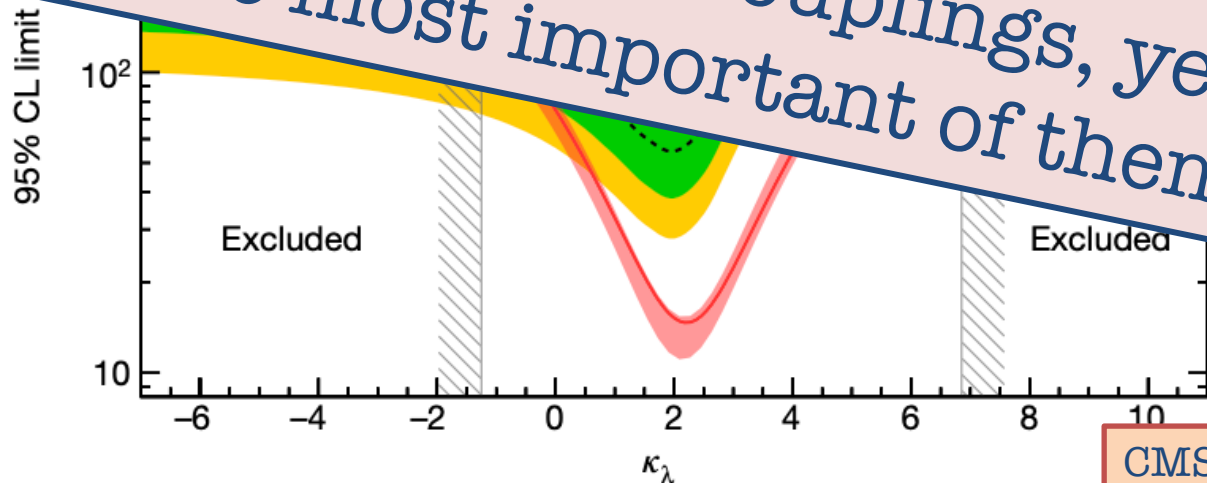


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There is a chasm between how well we know the Higgs self-coupling, as compared to the other couplings, as arguably the most important of them all!





# Self-Coupling Dominance

In other words, no obstruction from to having Higgs self-coupling modifications a loop factor greater than **all** other couplings. Could have

But could such a theory exist in practice?

$$\left[ \left( \frac{4\pi v}{m_h} \right)^2, \left( \frac{M}{m_h} \right)^2 \right]$$

without fine-tuning any parameters, as

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# Example: EW Quadruplets

This is all well and good, but does such a theory exist? Yes: A combination of EW quadruplet scalars:

$$\mathbf{4}_{1/2} + \mathbf{4}_{3/2}$$

Including all couplings to the Higgs we have for the two scalar quadruplets

$$\mathcal{L} = -\lambda \left( H^* H^* (\epsilon H) \Phi + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} H^* H^* H^* \tilde{\Phi} \right) + \text{h.c.}$$

which respects “custodial” global symmetry, hence no leading precision EW contributions.



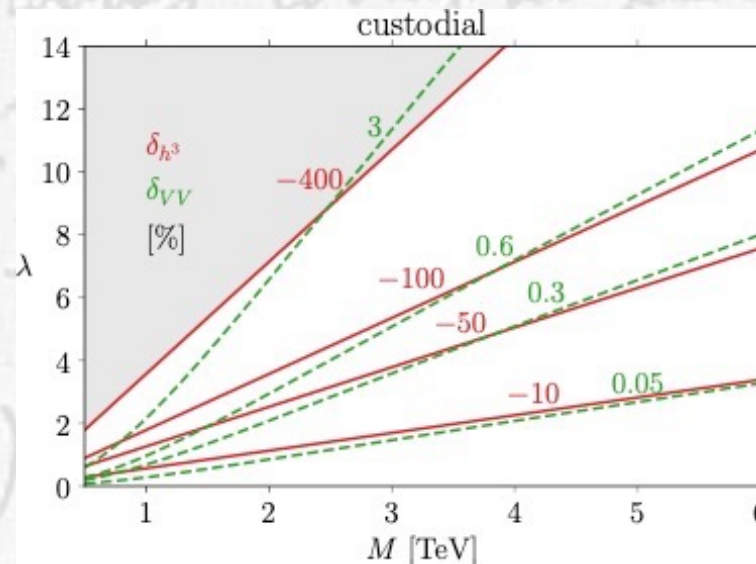
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All calculable, giving

$$-\frac{\delta_{VV}}{\delta_{h^3}} = 3 \left( \frac{m_h}{4\pi v} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{m_h}{M} \right)^2 \approx \frac{1}{200} + \frac{1}{580} \left( \frac{3 \text{ TeV}}{M} \right)^2$$

Remarkably close to naive estimate!





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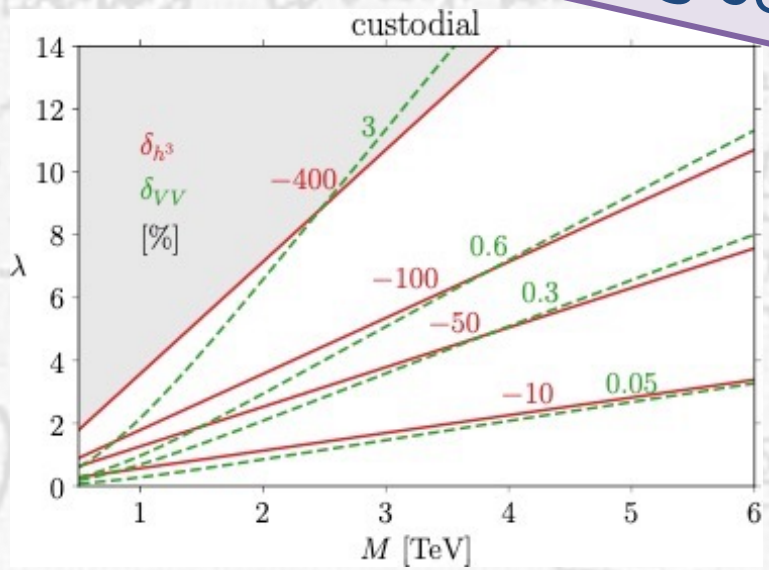
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Existence proof of a scenario which automatically generates extra-large self-coupling corrections.

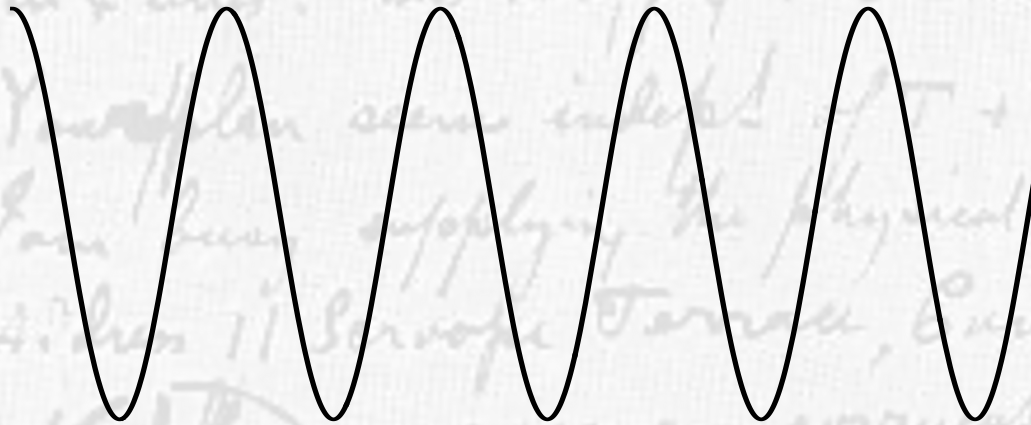
Remarkably close to NDA

$$\frac{1}{\delta_{h^3}} \approx \frac{1}{500} + \frac{1}{580} \left( \frac{3 \text{ TeV}}{M} \right)^2$$



# Is the Higgs Fundamental?

The Higgs boson has a size/wavelength. What's inside?



Precision measurements are different ways of probing the “compositeness of the Higgs”.

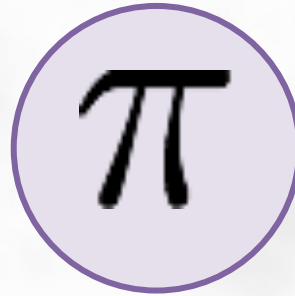


$$\lambda_h \approx 10^{-17} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda_{10 \text{ TeV}} \approx 10^{-19} \text{ m}$$

# Backdrop

This is exactly what happened with the pions...



$$m_{\pi}^2 \ll m_p^2$$

Why not the Higgs boson then?



# Naturalness – Composite Higgs

Composite Higgs scenarios have a potential which looks like

$$V(h) = \epsilon f^2 \Lambda^2 F(h/f)$$

“Compositeness”  
Scale



Where  $F$  is a generic function. Not so difficult to have a light Higgs

$$m_h^2 \sim \epsilon \Lambda^2$$

If one has  $\epsilon \ll 1$ .

However...

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Position of minimum depends only on  $F$ :

$$V'(h) = 0 \Leftrightarrow F'(h/f) = 0$$

For minimum at  $h = v \ll f$  have to fine-tune the contributions from the microscopic physics.

But Higgs couplings modified by  $\delta_{\kappa} \sim \frac{v^2}{f^2}$ .

# Beyond Minimality

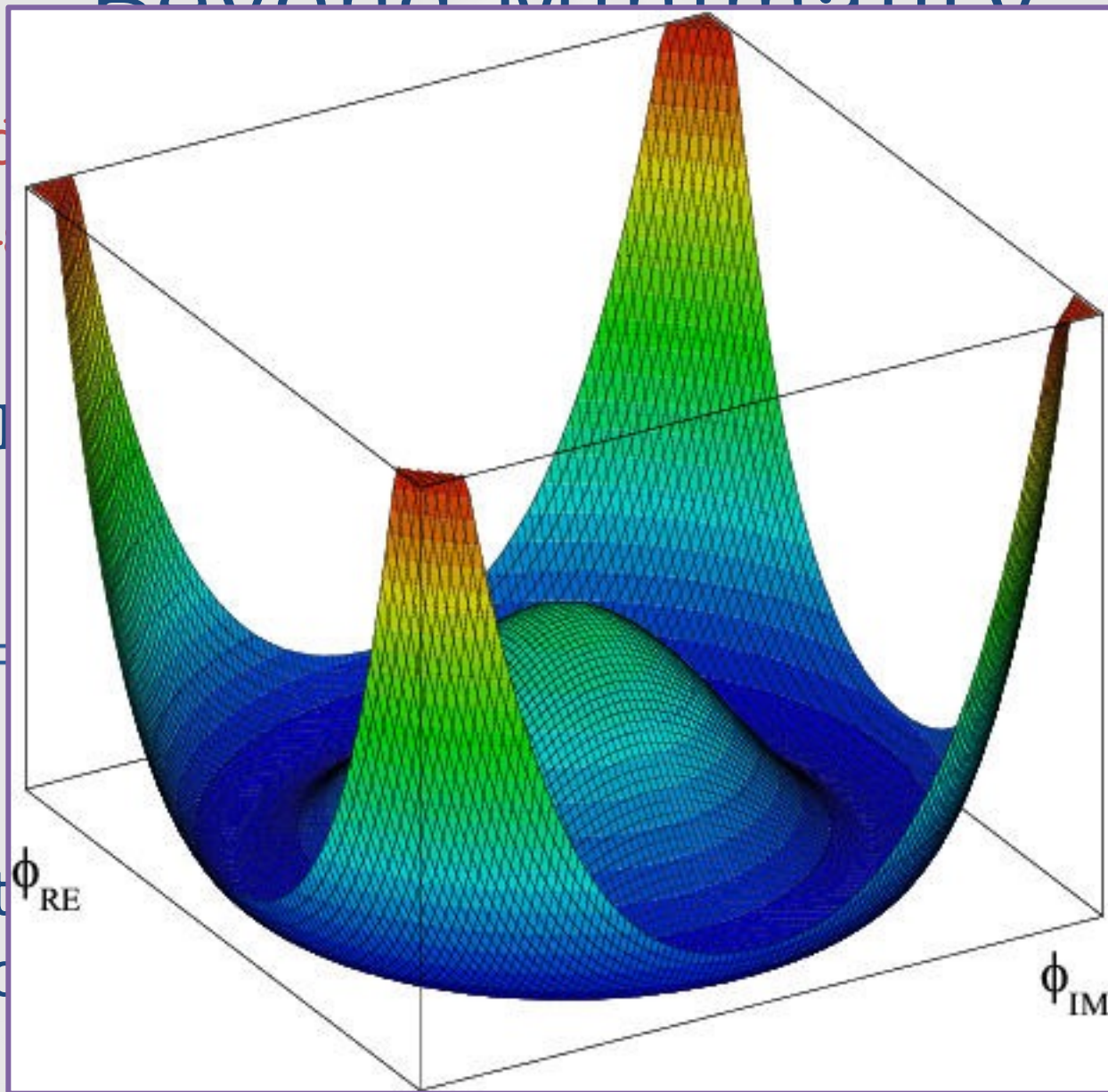
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# Minimality

Now assume  
"spurious"

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$$V_{\epsilon} =$$

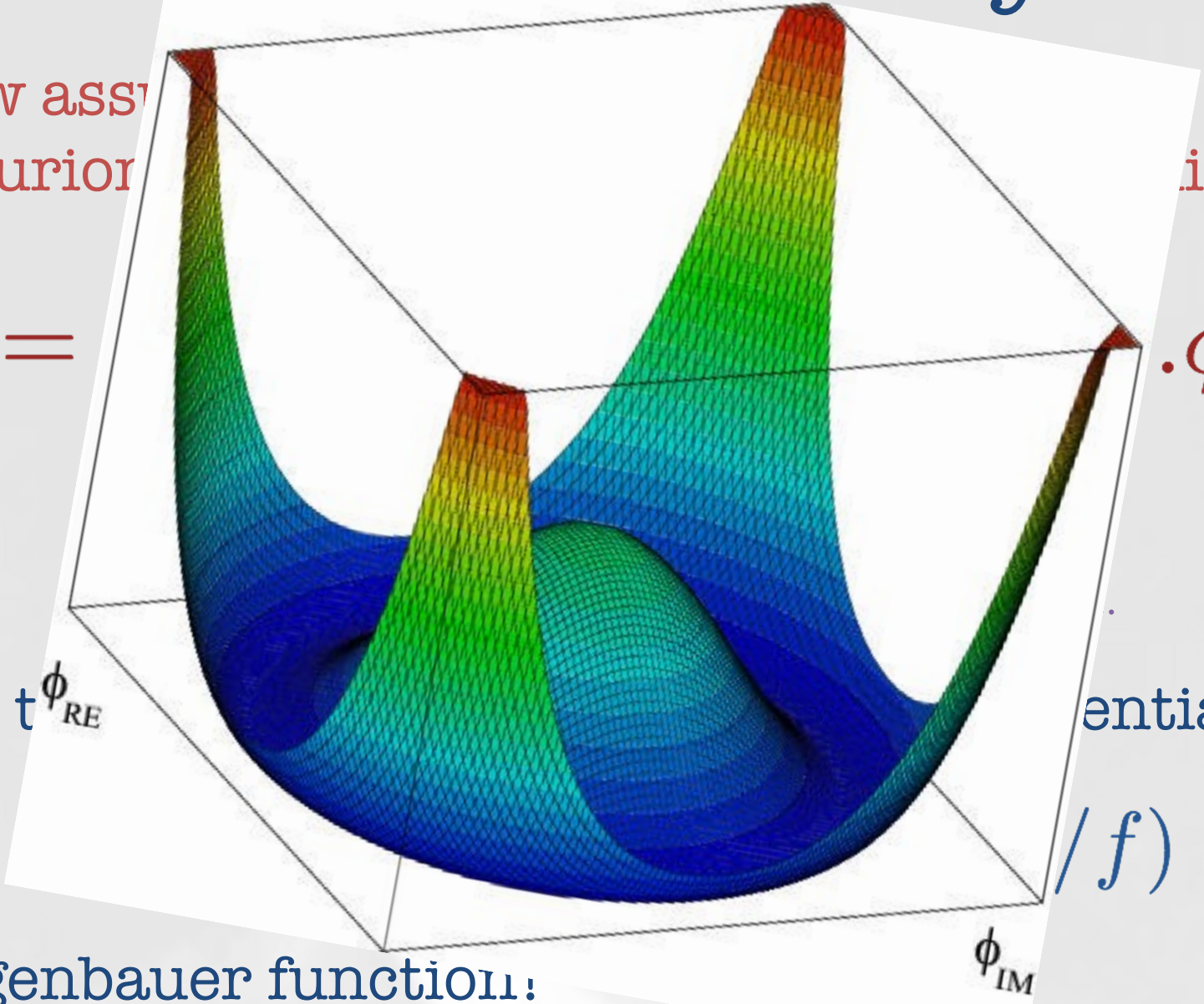
$$\cdot \phi^{a_n}$$

For  $\phi_{RE}$

ential:

$/f)$

Gegenbauer function:



# Generalising

What is the general form of the scalar potential one could have for a pion-like Higgs?

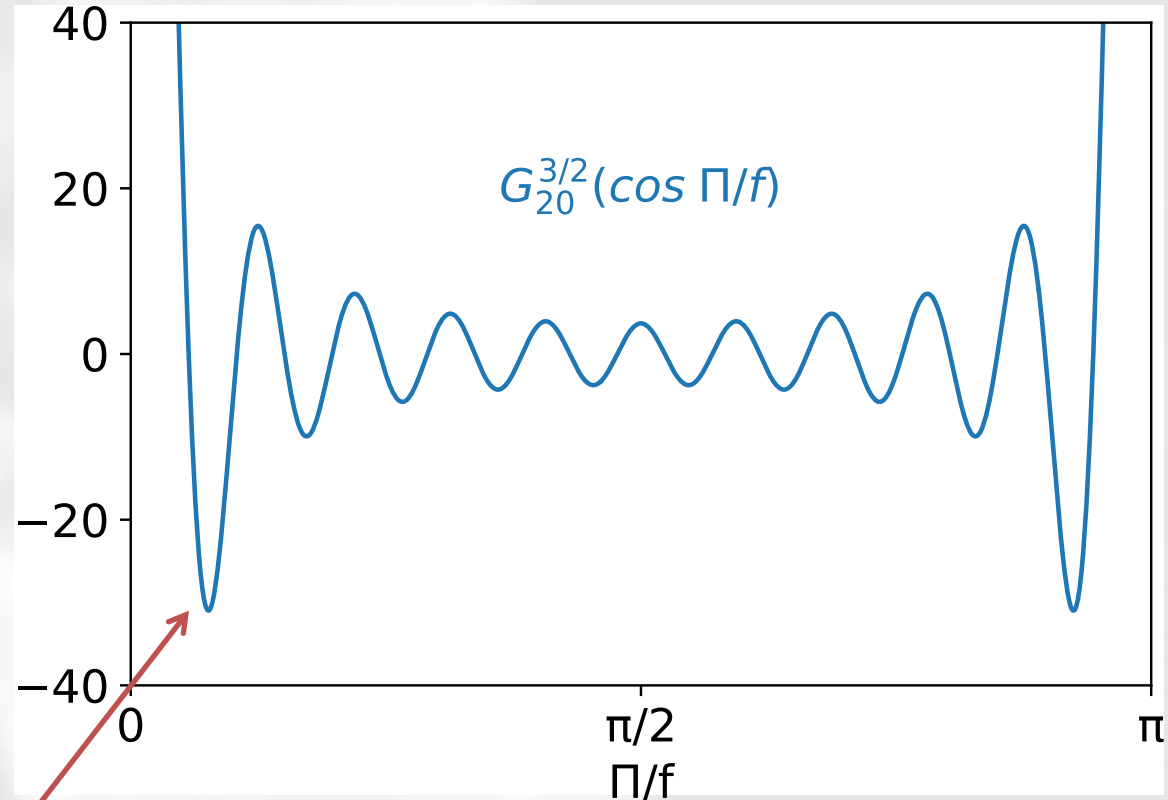
Turns out it's just like the Legendre polynomials you'll remember from the Hydrogen atom:

$$V = \epsilon m_{\rho}^2 f^2 G_n^{(N-1)/2}(\cos \Pi/f)$$

Known more generally as Gegenbauer functions!

# Getting to know Gegenbauer

The Gegenbauer potential looks like:



Global Higgs potential minimum at automatically small field values:

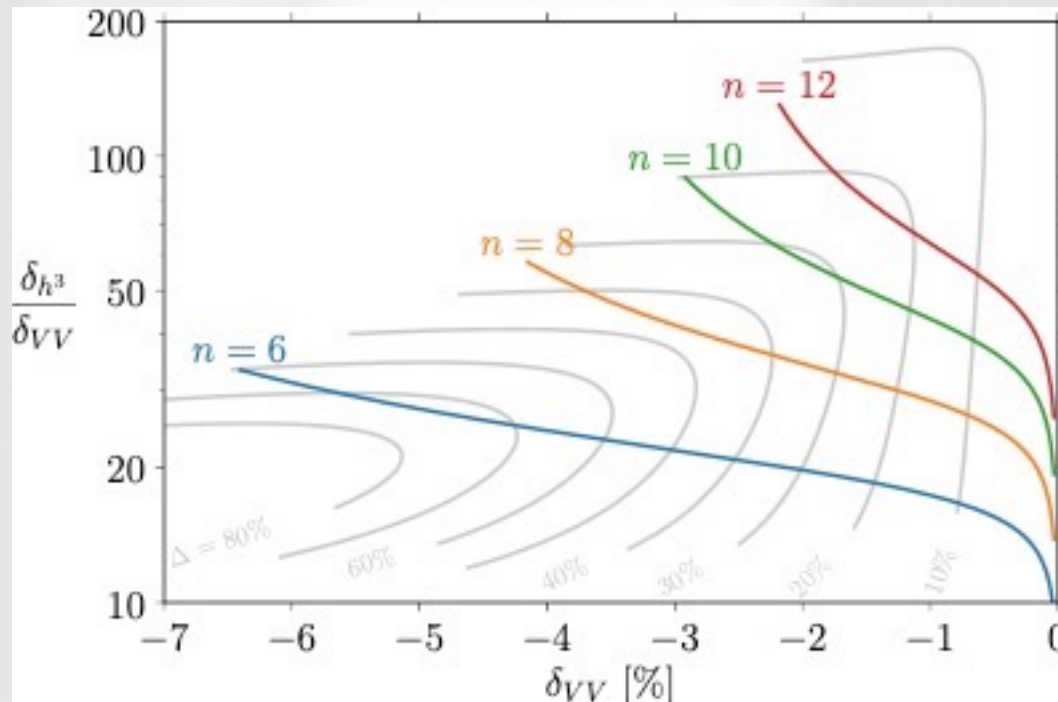
$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} \approx \frac{j_{\lambda+1/2,1}}{n + \lambda} \approx \frac{5.1}{n}$$



# Example Gegenbauer Model

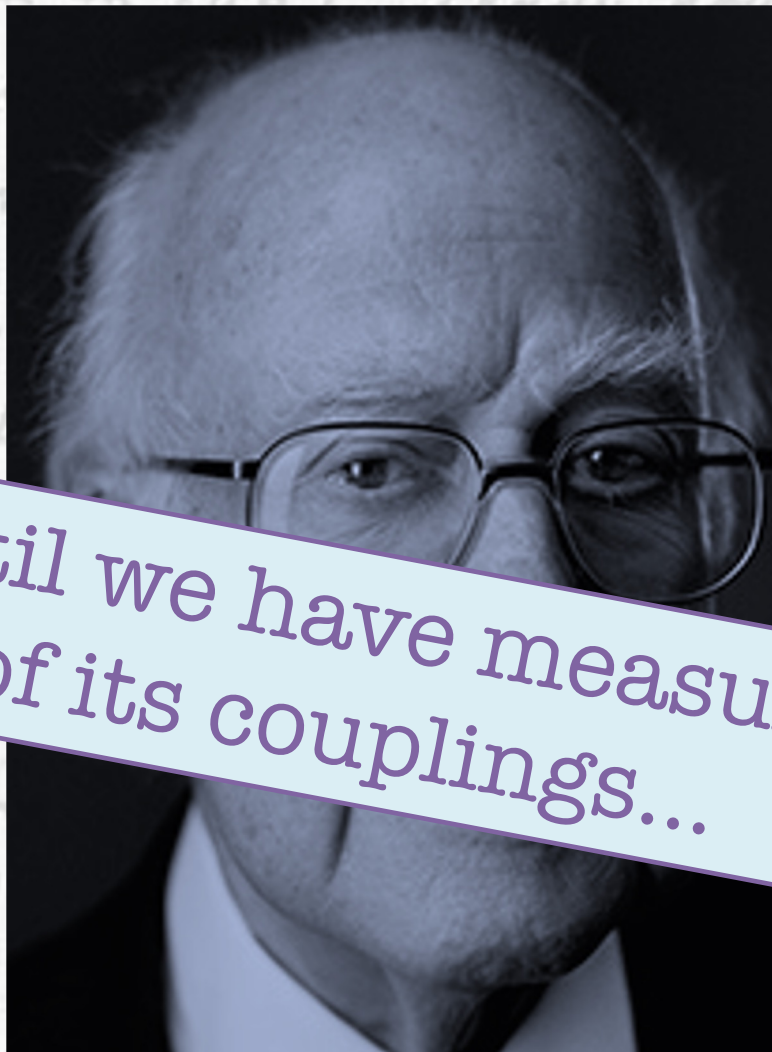
Modifications to self-interaction relative to other couplings are huge:

Naturalness  
could show up  
in self-  
interaction!



Fine-tuning is small. Huge corrections to Higgs self-coupling!

# How well do we know the Higgs?



Until we have measured  
all of its couplings...

Barely.

# Conclusions

Higgs physics is still in its nascence. Pions were discovered in the early 1940's. Their fundamental origin, QCD, was developed theoretically in the early 1970's and only experimentally established in the late 1970's.

Twelve years since discovery of the Higgs boson.

As it stands, we don't know how it interacts with itself, or if it is composite; with far-reaching implications.

We must be patient and determined to uncover its origins.



