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Fermionic UV models for NTGCs

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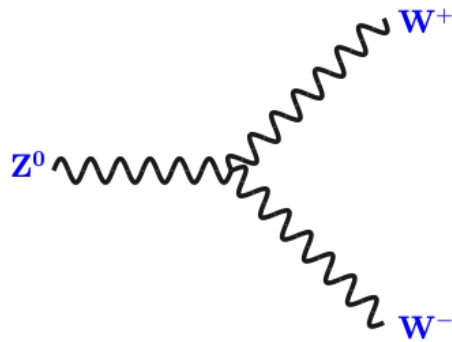
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1. Neutral Triple Gauge Couplings

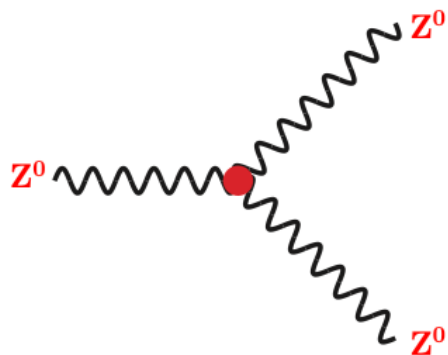
Triple gauge boson vertices



In the SM:

Triple gauge boson vertices from self-coupling in field strength tensor

$$W_{\mu\nu}^I = \partial_\mu W_\nu^I - \partial_\nu W_\mu^I - g\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^J W_\nu^K$$



But:

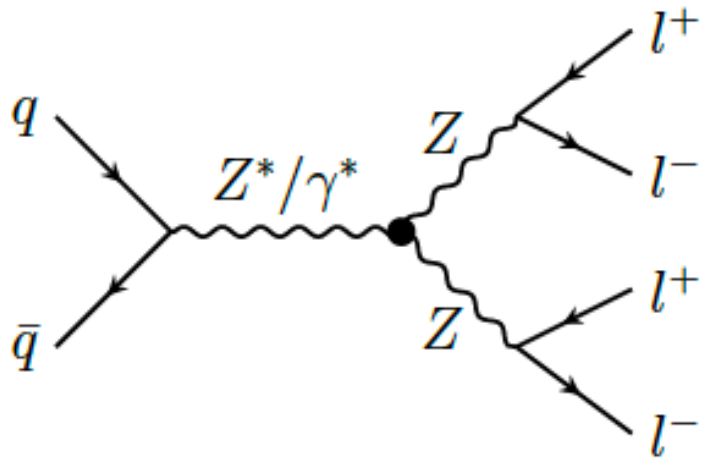
no Neutral Triple Gauge Couplings (NTGCs) due to ϵ^{IJK}

→ Anomalous NTGC (aNTGC)

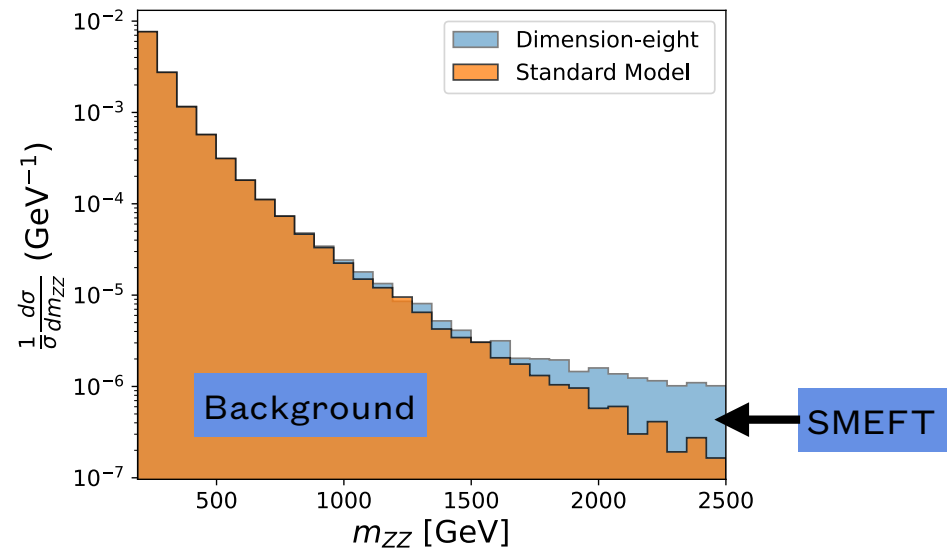
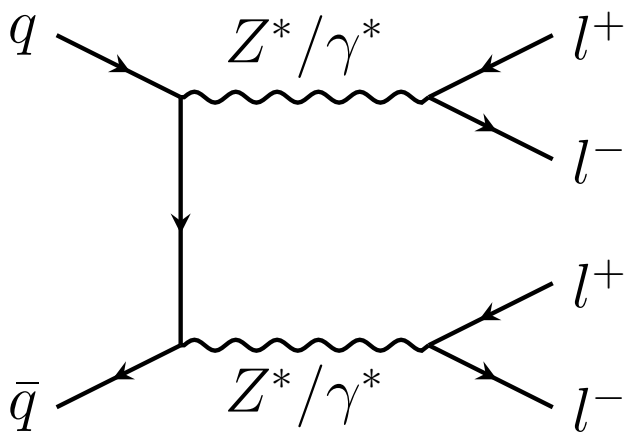
aNTGC provide important tests for the gauge structure of the SM

→ Searches for aNTGC at ATLAS and CMS

Searches for NTGCs



- Cleanest final state: $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
- Rare channel, will increase its power with more data
- Not background limited
 \Rightarrow Increase sensitivity with luminosity



Form factors for NTGCs

CP conserving (CPC) vertices after EWSB, taking into account Bose symmetry and gauge invariance

→ NTGC with 3 on-shell bosons vanish

→ $V = \gamma^*, Z^*$ has to be off-shell

[\[Gounaris et al. 1999\]](#)

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$$ie\Gamma_{ZZV}^{\alpha\beta\mu}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = e \frac{(q_3^2 - m_V^2)}{m_Z^2} \left[f_5^V \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} (q_1 - q_2)_\rho \right],$$

$$ie\Gamma_{Z\gamma V}^{\alpha\beta\mu}(q_1, q_2, q_3) = e \frac{(q_3^2 - m_V^2)}{m_Z^2} \left[h_3^V \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} q_{2,\rho} + \frac{h_4^V}{m_Z^2} q_3^\alpha \epsilon^{\mu\beta\rho\sigma} q_{3,\rho} q_{2,\sigma} \right]$$

- Form factors f_5^V , h_3^V and h_4^V are independent parameters, but h_4^V is not generated at 1-loop and dim-8
- CP-violating vertices or vertices with more than one boson off-shell are not discussed here
→ experimentally irrelevant

Lagrangians for NTGCs

Effective Lagrangian for all NTGC CPC vertices

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NP}}^{\text{CPC}} = \frac{e}{2m_Z^2} \left[f_5^\gamma (\partial^\sigma F_{\sigma\mu}) \tilde{Z}^{\mu\beta} Z_\beta + f_5^Z (\partial^\sigma Z_{\sigma\mu}) \tilde{Z}^{\mu\beta} Z_\beta \right. \\ \left. - h_3^\gamma (\partial^\sigma F_{\sigma\mu}) \tilde{F}^{\mu\beta} Z_\beta - h_3^Z (\partial^\sigma Z_{\sigma\mu}) \tilde{F}^{\mu\beta} Z_\beta \right. \\ \left. + \frac{h_4^\gamma}{2m_Z^2} [\square (\partial^\sigma F^{\rho\alpha})] \tilde{F}_{\rho\alpha} Z_\sigma + \frac{h_4^Z}{2m_Z^2} [(\square + m_Z^2) (\partial^\sigma Z^{\rho\alpha})] \tilde{F}_{\rho\alpha} Z_\sigma \right] \quad [\text{Gounaris et al. 1999}]$$

Why is there a dual field strength in the CPC vertices? $\tilde{X}_{\mu\nu} = 1/2 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} X^{\alpha\beta}$

CP-transformations:

$$C(Z_\mu) \rightarrow -Z_\mu \quad \text{and} \quad P(Z_0) \rightarrow +Z_0, P(Z_i) \rightarrow -Z_i \\ P(\partial_0) \rightarrow +\partial_0, P(\partial_i) \rightarrow -\partial_i \quad \text{and} \quad P(\epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho}) \rightarrow -\epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho}$$

What type of SMEFT operators can produce this Lagrangian?

2. SMEFT operators for NTGCs

Gauge couplings in SMEFT

In **Greens basis** for SMEFT list all operators at $d = 6$ containing only bosons

MatchMakerEFT (1908.05295):

X^3		$X^2 H^2$		$H^2 D^4$	
\mathcal{O}_{3G}	$f^{ABC} G_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	\mathcal{O}_{HG}	$G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} (H^\dagger H)$	\mathcal{R}_{DH}	$(D_\mu D^\mu H)^\dagger (D_\nu D^\nu H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{3G}}$	$f^{ABC} \widetilde{G}_\mu^{A\nu} G_\nu^{B\rho} G_\rho^{C\mu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\widetilde{G}}$	$\widetilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} (H^\dagger H)$	$H^4 D^2$	
\mathcal{O}_{3W}	$\epsilon^{IJK} W_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	\mathcal{O}_{HW}	$W_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu} (H^\dagger H)$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\Box}$	$(H^\dagger H) \Box (H^\dagger H)$
$\mathcal{O}_{\widetilde{3W}}$	$\epsilon^{IJK} \widetilde{W}_\mu^{I\nu} W_\nu^{J\rho} W_\rho^{K\mu}$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\widetilde{W}}$	$\widetilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I W^{I\mu\nu} (H^\dagger H)$	\mathcal{O}_{HD}	$(H^\dagger D^\mu H)^\dagger (H^\dagger D_\mu H)$
$X^2 D^2$		\mathcal{O}_{HB}	$B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} (H^\dagger H)$	\mathcal{R}'_{HD}	$(H^\dagger H) (D_\mu H)^\dagger (D^\mu H)$
\mathcal{R}_{2G}	$-\frac{1}{2} (D_\mu G^{A\mu\nu}) (D^\rho G_{\rho\nu}^A)$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\widetilde{B}}$	$\widetilde{B}_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} (H^\dagger H)$	\mathcal{R}''_{HD}	$(H^\dagger H) D_\mu (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu H)$
\mathcal{R}_{2W}	$-\frac{1}{2} (D_\mu W^{I\mu\nu}) (D^\rho W_{\rho\nu}^I)$	\mathcal{O}_{HWB}	$W_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu} (H^\dagger \sigma^I H)$	H^6	
\mathcal{R}_{2B}	$-\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu B^{\mu\nu}) (\partial^\rho B_{\rho\nu})$	$\mathcal{O}_{H\widetilde{W}B}$	$\widetilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^I B^{\mu\nu} (H^\dagger \sigma^I H)$	\mathcal{O}_H	$(H^\dagger H)^3$
		$H^2 X D^2$			
		\mathcal{R}_{WDH}	$D_\nu W^{I\mu\nu} (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu^I H)$		
		\mathcal{R}_{BDH}	$\partial_\nu B^{\mu\nu} (H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H)$		

$\mathcal{O}_{HB}, \mathcal{O}_{HWB}, \mathcal{O}_{HW}, \mathcal{O}_{3W}$ contain **TGC**, but no **NTGC**

\Rightarrow need to go to dimension-8

d=8 operators for NTGCs

Four d=8 operators that generate the effective Lagrangian,
all in the class $X^2 H^2 D^2$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_{DB\tilde{B}} &= i \frac{c_{DB\tilde{B}}}{\Lambda^4} H^\dagger \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} (D^\rho B_{\nu\rho}) D_\mu H + \text{h.c.}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{DW\tilde{W}} &= i \frac{c_{DW\tilde{W}}}{\Lambda^4} H^\dagger \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu} (D^\rho W_{\nu\rho}) D_\mu H + \text{h.c.}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{DW\tilde{B}} &= i \frac{c_{DW\tilde{B}}}{\Lambda^4} H^\dagger \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu} (D^\rho W_{\nu\rho}) D_\mu H + \text{h.c.}, \\ \mathcal{O}_{DB\tilde{W}} &= i \frac{c_{DB\tilde{W}}}{\Lambda^4} H^\dagger \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu} (D^\rho B_{\nu\rho}) D_\mu H + \text{h.c.}.\end{aligned}$$

4 independent form factors $f_5^Z, f_5^\gamma, h_3^Z, h_3^\gamma$

⇒ these 4 operators are the maximal set

d=8 operators for NTGC

Relations to the form factors:

$$\begin{aligned} f_5^Z &= \frac{v^2 m_Z^2}{\Lambda^4} \frac{1}{c_W s_W} \left[s_W^2 c_{DB\tilde{B}} + c_W^2 c_{DW\tilde{W}} + \frac{1}{2} c_W s_W (c_{DW\tilde{B}} + c_{DB\tilde{W}}) \right], \\ f_5^\gamma &= \frac{v^2 m_Z^2}{\Lambda^4} \frac{1}{c_W s_W} \left[c_W s_W (-c_{DB\tilde{B}} + c_{DW\tilde{W}}) - \frac{1}{2} (s_W^2 c_{DW\tilde{B}} - c_W^2 c_{DB\tilde{W}}) \right], \\ h_3^Z &= \frac{v^2 m_Z^2}{\Lambda^4} \frac{1}{c_W s_W} \left[c_W s_W (-c_{DB\tilde{B}} + c_{DW\tilde{W}}) + \frac{1}{2} (c_W^2 c_{DW\tilde{B}} - s_W^2 c_{DB\tilde{W}}) \right], \\ h_3^\gamma &= \frac{v^2 m_Z^2}{\Lambda^4} \frac{1}{c_W s_W} \left[c_W^2 c_{DB\tilde{B}} + s_W^2 c_{DW\tilde{W}} - \frac{1}{2} c_W s_W (c_{DW\tilde{B}} + c_{DB\tilde{W}}) \right], \end{aligned}$$

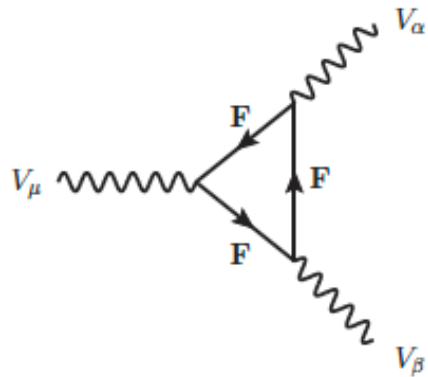
For our models, we always find $c_{DW\tilde{B}} = c_{DB\tilde{W}}$

$\Rightarrow f_5^\gamma = h_3^Z$, only 3 independent form factors

3. Models for NTGCs

What UV models generate NTGCs at dim-8?

Models that DO NOT generate NTGCs at dim-8:



Triangles with SM or BSM fermions in the mass eigenstate basis (needs EWSB):

could generate NTGCs [\[Gounaris et al. 2000\]](#)

but the contributions quickly vanish with \sqrt{s} , they do not correspond to the $d=8$ EFT limit

Models with scalar states (e.g. 2HDM) can produce CPC and CPV NTGCs, but they appear only at $d=12$

[\[Moyotl et al. 2015\]](#)

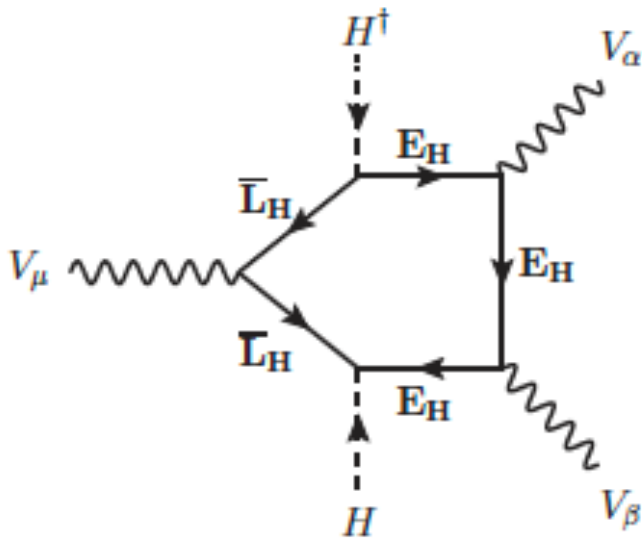
[\[Belusca-Maito et al 2018\]](#)

We need two fermions and Higgs insertions in the loop!

Prototype UV model for NTGCs

- We searched for models at $d=8$ using a diagrammatic approach
- contributions from *pentagon diagrams* with two fermions
- **prototype model:** “vector-like” leptons $L_H = F_{1,2,-1/2}$ and $E_H = F_{1,1,-1}$
- left- and right-handed couplings must differ for **CPC vertices**:

$$\text{tr}[\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho \gamma_\sigma P_{L/R}] = 2(g_{\mu\nu} g_{\rho\sigma} - g_{\mu\rho} g_{\nu\sigma} + g_{\mu\sigma} g_{\nu\rho} \pm i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}).$$
- heavy-light Yukawa couplings are strongly constrained by dimension-6 operators at tree-level \Rightarrow Both fermions must be heavy
- pentagon reduces to triangle diagram after EWSB and mass mixing



More fermionic models for NTGCs

scan different options for QNs: up to **hypercharge 4** and **SU(2) quintuplets**

couple to a Higgs boson: SU(2) products needs to contain a **doublet** & $\Delta Y = 1/2$

Model	Particles	$\tilde{c}_{DB\bar{B}}$	$\tilde{c}_{DW\bar{B}} = \tilde{c}_{DB\bar{W}}$	$\tilde{c}_{DW\bar{W}}$
MDS1	(L_H, E_H)	$\frac{23}{960}$	$-\frac{7}{480}$	$\frac{1}{320}$
MDS2	$(F_{1,2,-\frac{3}{2}}, F_{1,1,-1})$	$-\frac{21}{320}$	$-\frac{13}{480}$	$-\frac{1}{320}$
MDS3	$(F_{1,2,-\frac{3}{2}}, F_{1,1,-2})$	$\frac{41}{320}$	$-\frac{17}{480}$	$\frac{1}{320}$
MDS4	$(F_{1,2,-\frac{5}{2}}, F_{1,1,-2})$			$-\frac{1}{320}$
MDS5	$(F_{1,2,-\frac{5}{2}}, F_{1,1,-3})$			$\frac{1}{320}$
MDS6	$(F_{1,2,-\frac{7}{2}}, F_{1,1,-3})$	$-\frac{141}{320}$	$-\frac{11}{160}$	$-\frac{1}{320}$
MDS7	$(F_{1,2,-\frac{7}{2}}, F_{1,1,-4})$	$\frac{563}{960}$	$-\frac{37}{480}$	$\frac{1}{320}$
MTD1	$(F_{1,3,0}, F_{1,2,-\frac{1}{2}})$	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{320}$	$\frac{11}{480}$	$-\frac{49}{960\sqrt{3}}$
MTD2	$(F_{1,3,-1}, F_{1,2,-\frac{1}{2}})$	$\frac{2}{320}$		$\frac{49}{960\sqrt{3}}$
MTD3	$(F_{1,3,-1}, F_{1,2,-\frac{3}{2}})$	$-\frac{2}{320}$		$-\frac{49}{960\sqrt{3}}$
MTD4	$(F_{1,3,-2}, F_{1,2,-\frac{3}{2}})$	$\frac{41\sqrt{3}}{320}$	$\frac{89}{480\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{49}{960\sqrt{3}}$
MTD5	$(F_{1,3,-2}, F_{1,2,-\frac{5}{2}})$	$-\frac{203}{320\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{37}{160\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{49}{960\sqrt{3}}$

**Singlets
&
Doublets**

**Doublets
&
Triplets**

Model	Particles	$\tilde{c}_{DB\bar{B}}$	$\tilde{c}_{DW\bar{B}} = \tilde{c}_{DB\bar{W}}$	$\tilde{c}_{DW\bar{W}}$
MQT1	$(F_{1,4,-\frac{1}{2}}, F_{1,3,0})$	$-\frac{\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}}{160}$	$-\frac{19}{240\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{109}{480\sqrt{6}}$
MQT2	$(F_{1,4,-\frac{1}{2}}, F_{1,3,-1})$	$\frac{23}{160\sqrt{6}}$	$\frac{17}{240\sqrt{6}}$	$\frac{109}{480\sqrt{6}}$
MQT3	$(F_{1,4,-\frac{3}{2}}, F_{1,3,-1})$	$-\frac{21\sqrt{6}}{160}$		$-\frac{109}{480\sqrt{6}}$
MQT4	$(F_{1,4,-\frac{3}{2}}, F_{1,3,-2})$	$\frac{41\sqrt{6}}{160}$	$-\frac{17}{240\sqrt{6}}$	$\frac{109}{480\sqrt{6}}$
MQT5	$(F_{1,4,-\frac{5}{2}}, F_{1,3,-2})$	$-\frac{203}{160\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{53}{80\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{109}{480\sqrt{6}}$
MQQ1	$(F_{1,5,0}, F_{1,4,-\frac{1}{2}})$	$-\frac{1}{32\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{7}{48\sqrt{10}}$	$-\frac{21}{32\sqrt{10}}$
MQQ2	$(F_{1,5,-1}, F_{1,4,-\frac{1}{2}})$	$\frac{23}{96\sqrt{10}}$		$\frac{21}{32\sqrt{10}}$
MQQ3	$(F_{1,5,-1}, F_{1,4,-\frac{3}{2}})$	$-\frac{21}{32\sqrt{10}}$		$-\frac{21}{32\sqrt{10}}$
MQQ4	$(F_{1,5,-2}, F_{1,4,-\frac{3}{2}})$	$\frac{41}{32\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{53}{48\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{21}{32\sqrt{10}}$
MQQ5	$(F_{1,5,-2}, F_{1,4,-\frac{5}{2}})$	$-\frac{203}{96\sqrt{10}}$	$\frac{67}{48\sqrt{10}}$	$-\frac{21}{32\sqrt{10}}$

**Triples
&
Quartuplets**

**Quartuplets
&
Quintuplets**

Matching done with *Matchete*

$$c_{DAB} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g_{A9B} |Y|^2 \tilde{c}_{DAB},$$

Matching for fermionic models

We can derive an analytic formula for the matching
(r : SU(2) representation, y : hypercharge)

$$\tilde{c}_{DB\tilde{B}} = \frac{1}{160} (-1)^{(r_1 \bmod 2)} \operatorname{sgn}(y_2^2 - y_1^2) \sqrt{2r_1 r_2} \left(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + \frac{4}{3} y_2 y_1 \right),$$

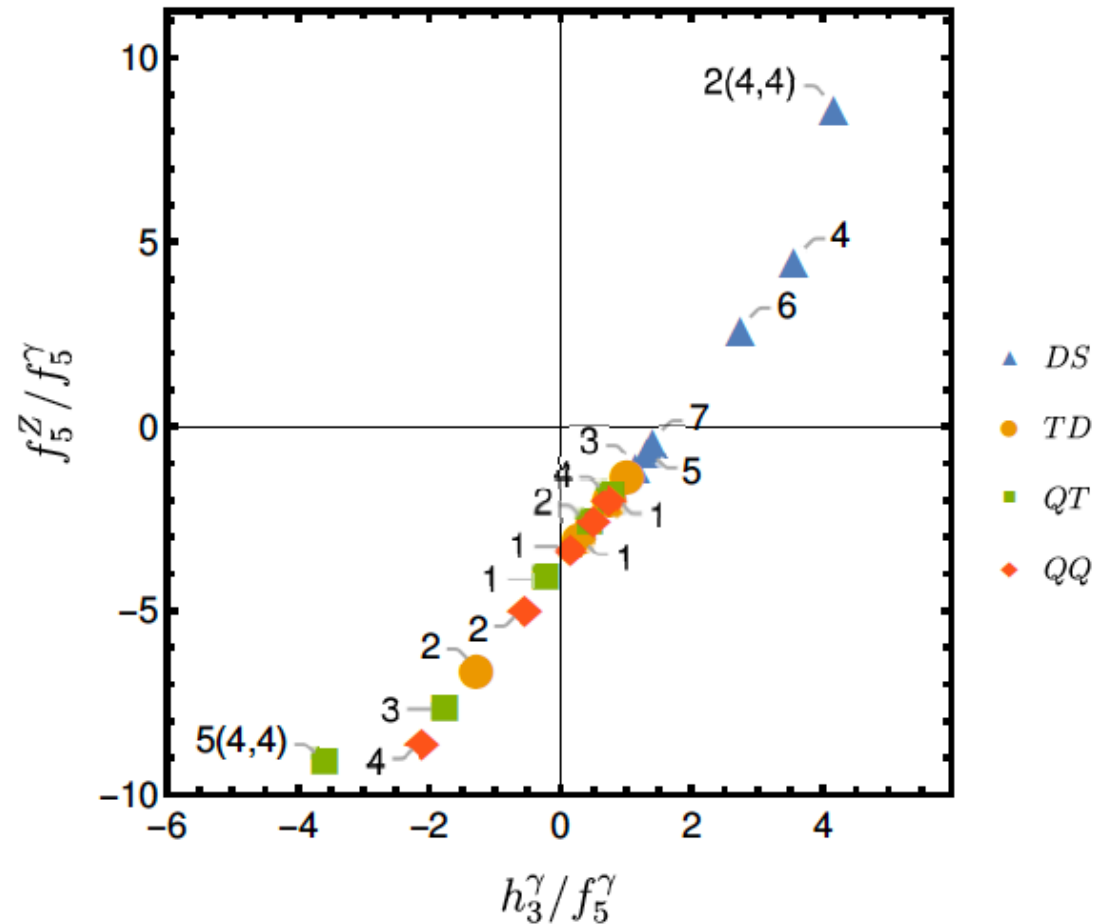
$$\tilde{c}_{DW\tilde{W}} = \frac{1}{160} (-1)^{(r_1 \bmod 2)} \operatorname{sgn}(y_2^2 - y_1^2) \sqrt{2r_1 r_2} \frac{1}{12} \left[(r_1^2 - 1) + (r_2^2 - 1) + \frac{4}{3} (r_1 r_2 - 2) \right],$$

$$\tilde{c}_{DW\tilde{B}} = \frac{1}{48} (-1)^{(r_1 \bmod 2)} \sqrt{2r_1 r_2} \frac{1}{12} (y_1 + y_2) \left[(r_1 + r_2) + \frac{3}{5} (y_1 - y_2) \right],$$

$$\tilde{c}_{DB\tilde{W}} = \tilde{c}_{DW\tilde{B}}.$$

Form factors

- calculate form factors from Wilson coefficients for all models
- we can form two independent ratios of form factors, independent of Λ
- all models lie on a line, but different predictions for all models
- experimentally accessible: $ZZ (f_5^\gamma)$ and $Z\gamma (h_3^\gamma)$ final state
→ ratio of these channels would discriminate the true UV model



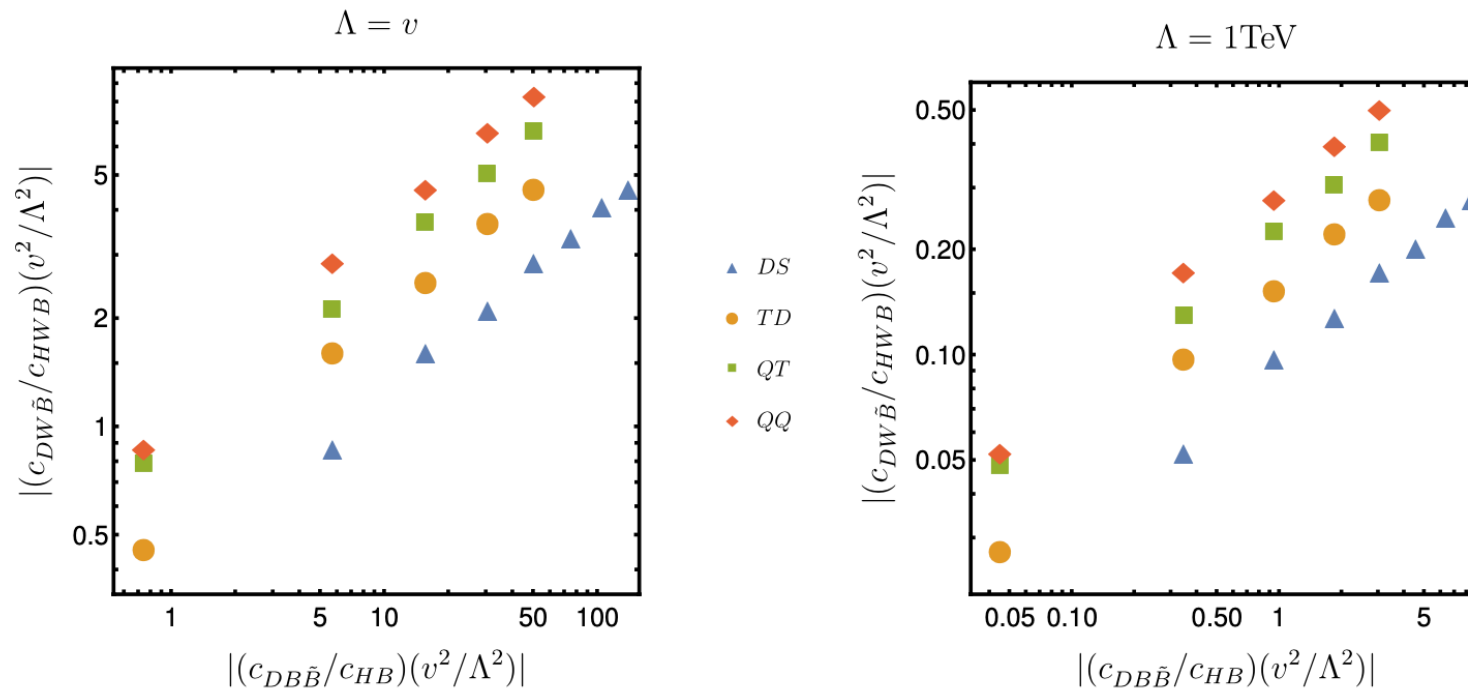
dim-6 vs. dim-8

All models that generate NTGCs also will generate the following $d = 6$ operators:

$$\mathcal{O}_{HB} = \frac{c_{HB}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{HWB} = \frac{c_{HWB}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{HW} = \frac{c_{HW}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu},$$

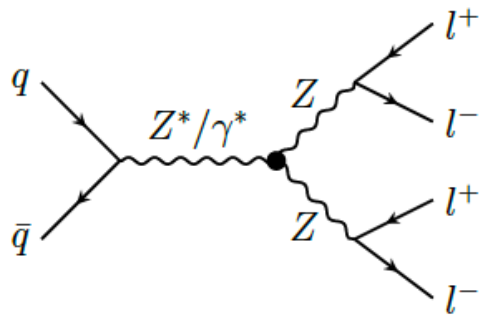


d=8 grows fast
with energy and will
compete with d=6

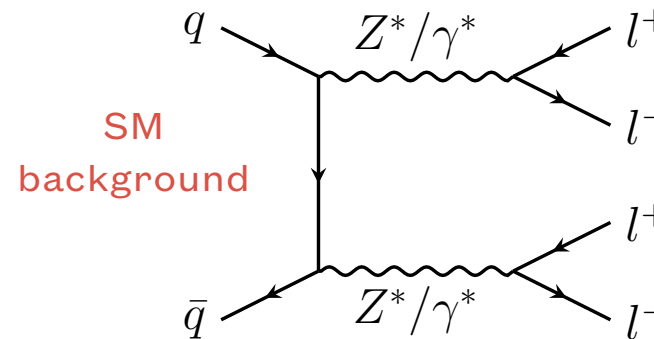
→ strong gain for
ZZ and Z γ searches
vs WW and Zjj at
large invariant
mass

4. Experimental limits

Measuring $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$



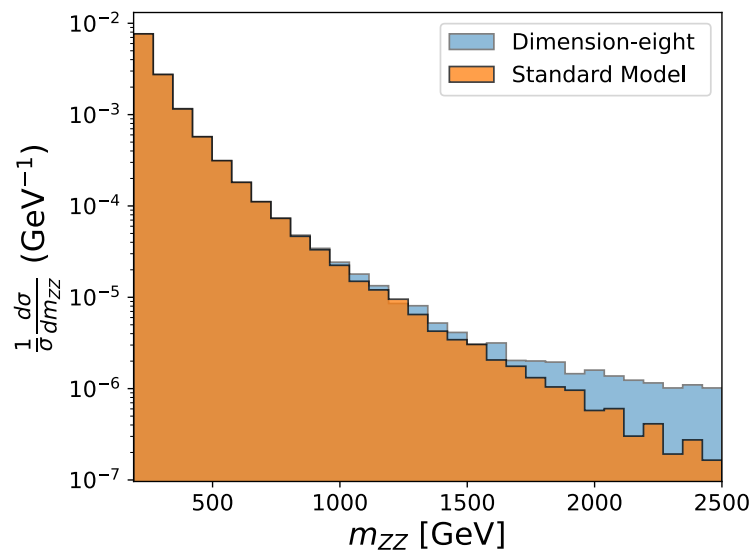
signal
at
dim-8



SM
background

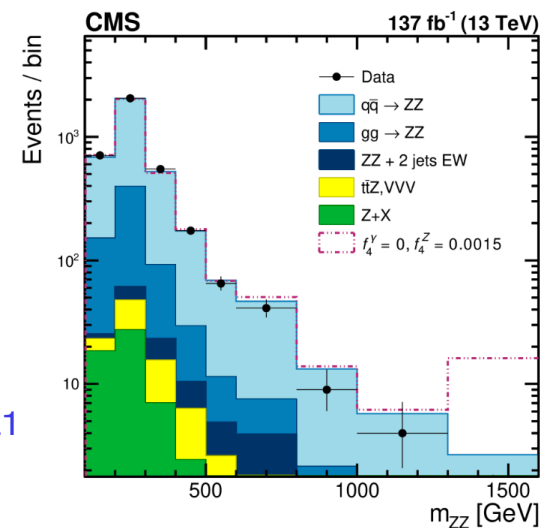
Both ATLAS and CMS search for ZZ and $Z\gamma$ final states, ZZ more sensitive

dimension-8 growth at high energy, CMS analysis includes a bin without events but with SM prediction and uncertainty

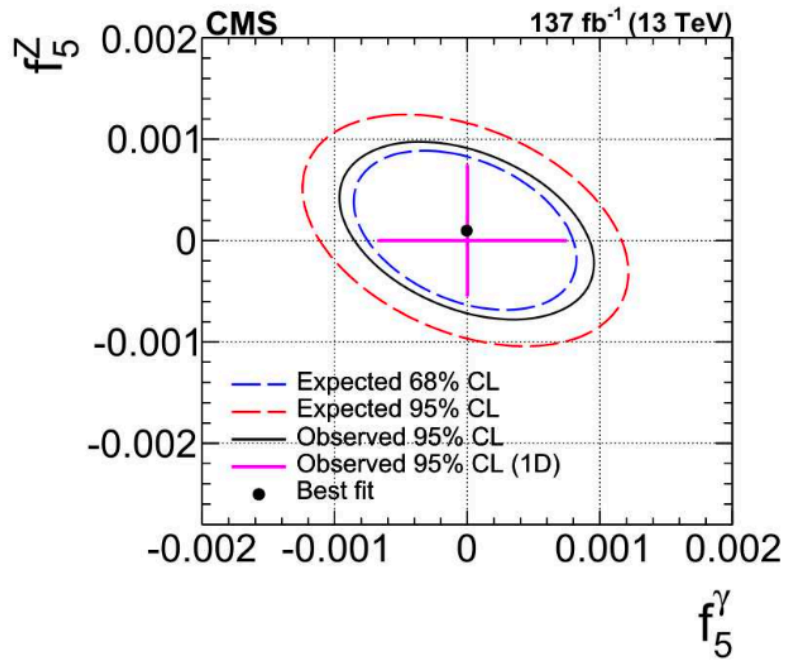


cross section
vs. invariant
mass

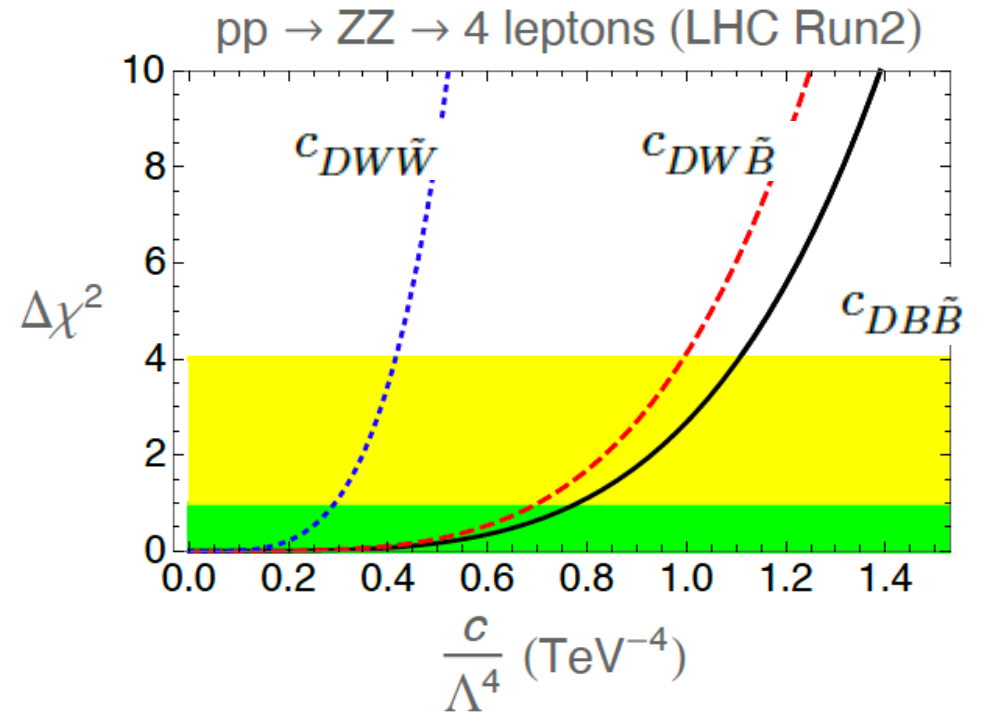
CMS 2021



Limits on NTGCs

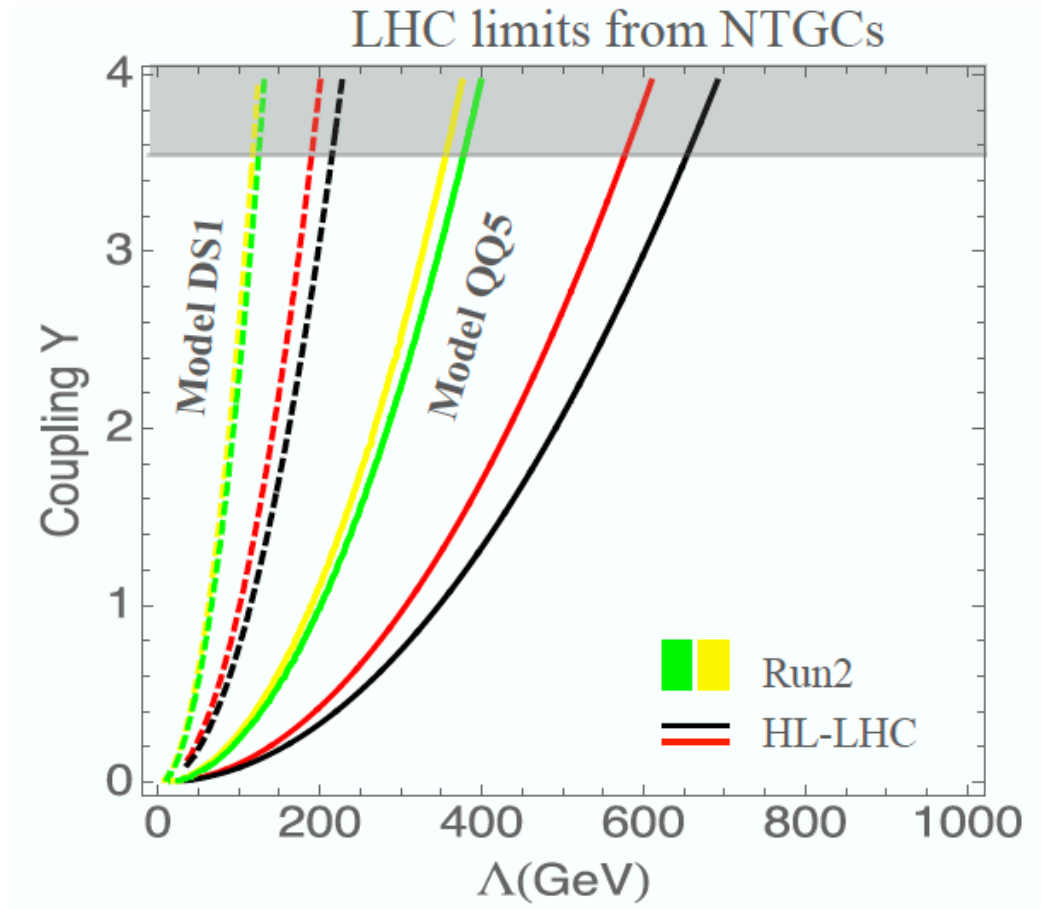


Limits on f_5^Z and f_5^γ from CMS



Combined ATLAS and CMS
1 and 2 sigma limits on
dim-8 Wilson coefficients

Limits on the models



Translate the limits on the WCs into limits on the mass and coupling of the benchmark models

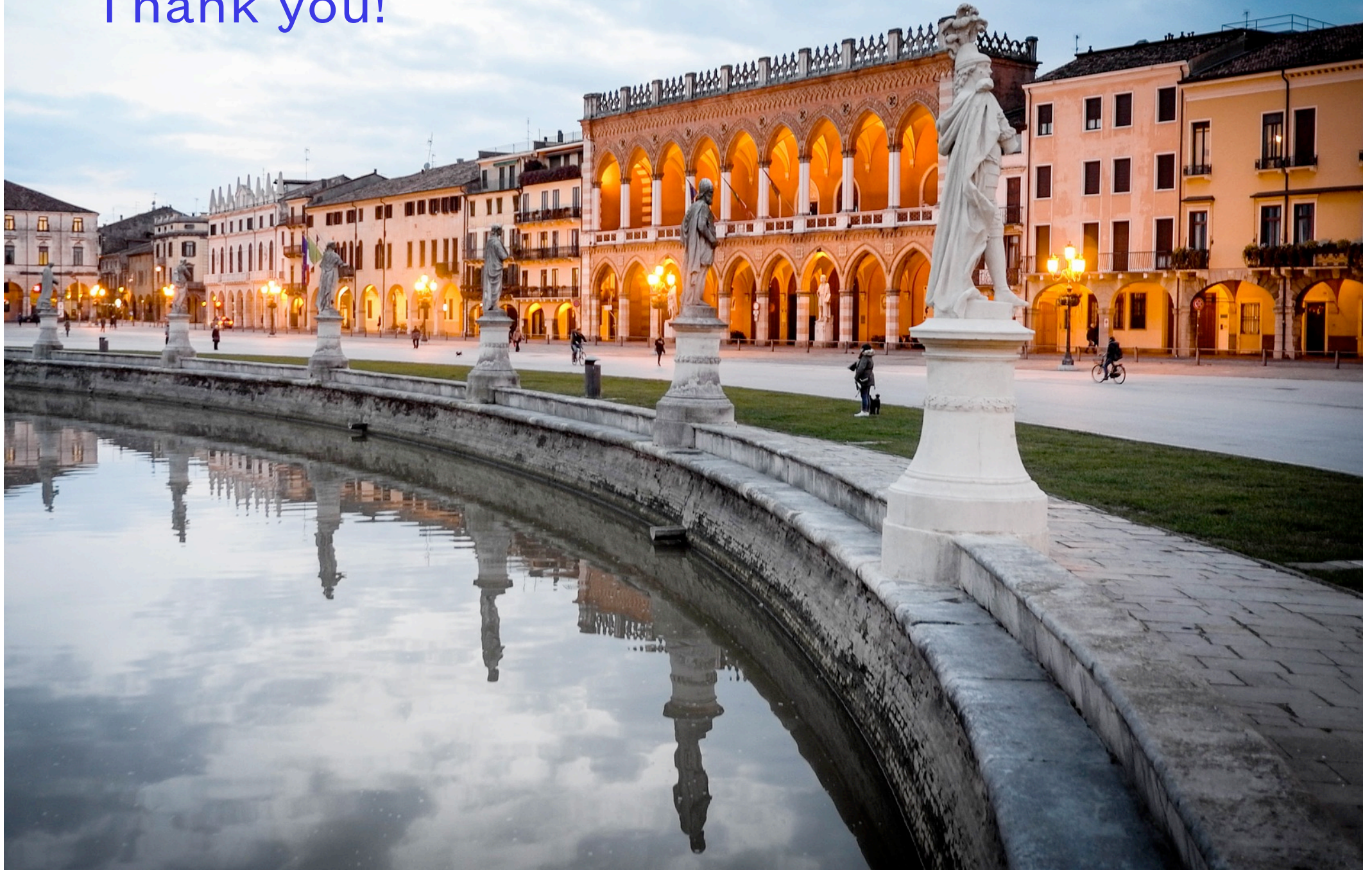
Current limits on models very weak: $\Lambda > 100$ GeV

Prediction for HL-LHC, sensitivity based on projecting the luminosity and using the last bin only

Conclusions

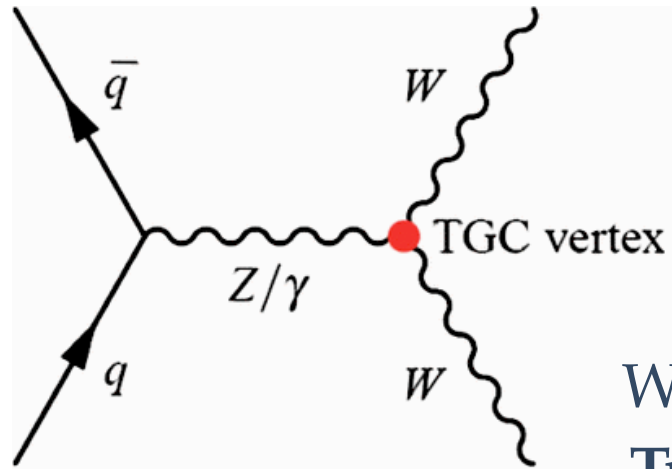
- NTGC searches provide important tests for the gauge structure of the SM, clean channel that improves with higher luminosity
- no dim-6 contributions, generated only at dim-8 SMEFT
- We presented a basis of dimension-8 operators that generate all 4 form factors
- We classified specific UV completions: Models with two heavy vector-like leptons that contribute via pentagon diagrams
- Limits derived from $Z \rightarrow 4l$ at ATLAS and CMS
- Limits on models very weak, in some cases below $\Lambda = 100$ GeV (EFT assumption not valid)
- Design tailored (direct) searches for these models

Thank you!



Backup slides

Diboson Production



Anomalous gauge couplings provide a strong test of the mechanism of EWSB

WW(Z/A) coupling, clean channel, high stats
Traditional: dilepton+MET (since LEP times)
 and now we also got Z+jj from VBF

Within SMEFT, several operators contribute at **dimension-six**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}_{HB} &= \frac{c_{HB}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}, \\
 \mathcal{O}_{HWB} &= \frac{c_{HWB}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}, & \text{and} & & \mathcal{O}_{3W} &= \frac{c_{3W}}{\Lambda^2} W_\mu^\nu W_\nu^\rho W_\rho^\mu \\
 \mathcal{O}_{HW} &= \frac{c_{HW}}{\Lambda^2} H^\dagger H W_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu},
 \end{aligned}$$