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“Accidental” Suppression of Wilson Coefficients in Higgs Coupling

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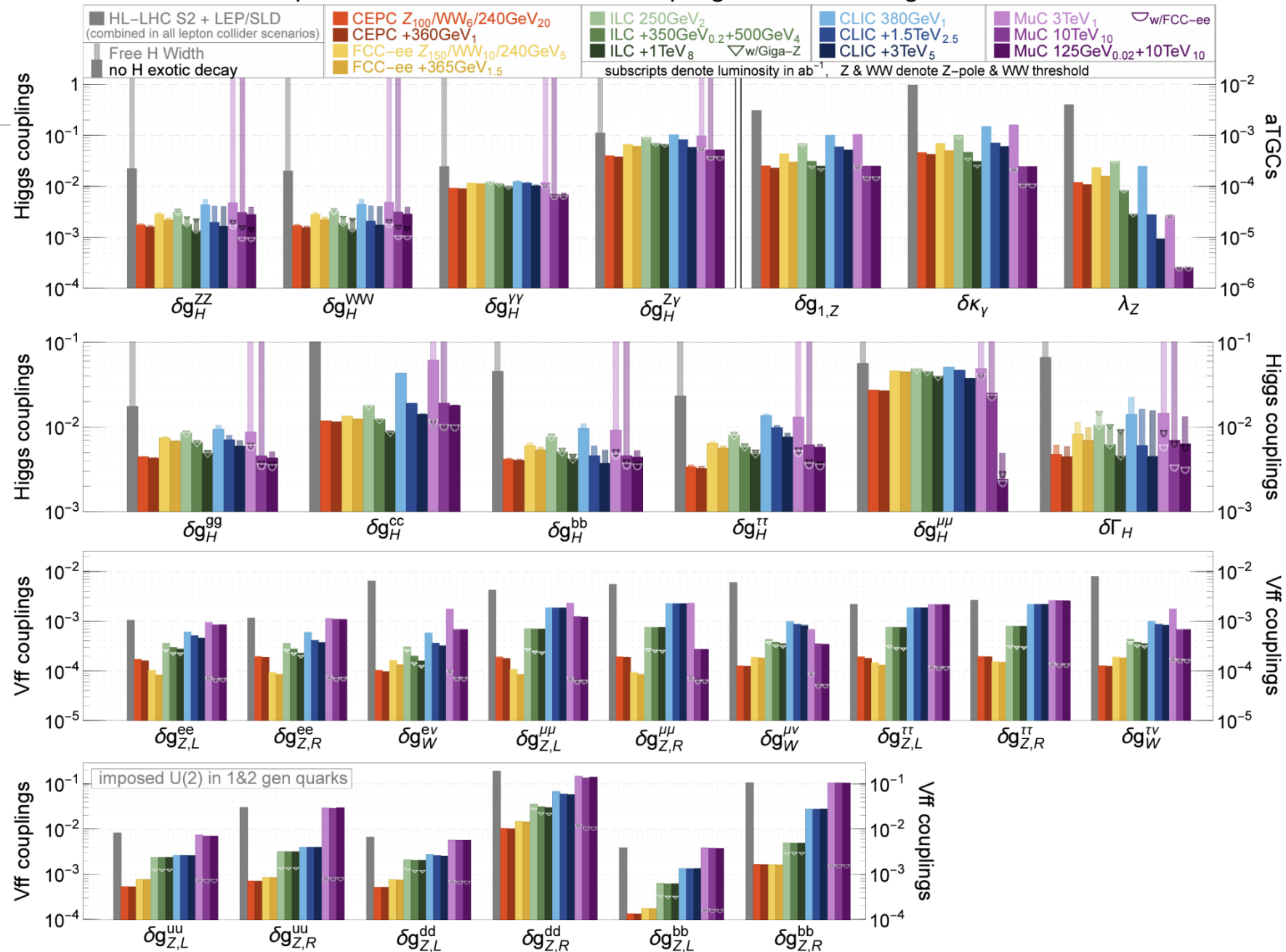
Mainly based on
Bao, Gu, ZL, Shu, Wang, [2408.08948](#)

Higgs Precision

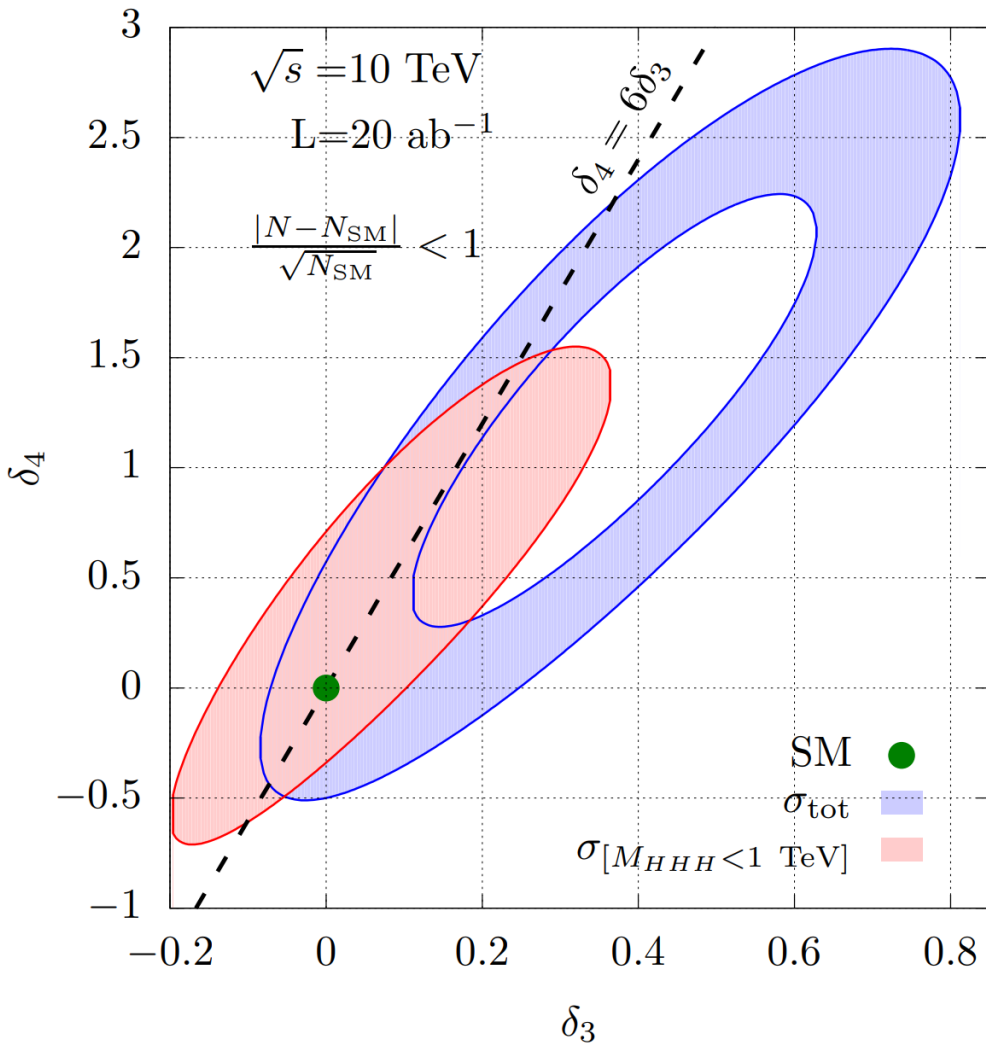
Higgs precision is one of the core physics programs for the current and any future colliders. Its precision often interpreted in bar plots with EFT picture behind.

de Blas et al [2206.08326](#)

precision reach on effective couplings from SMEFT global fit



Multi-Higgs & Higgs Self-couplings are particularly interesting

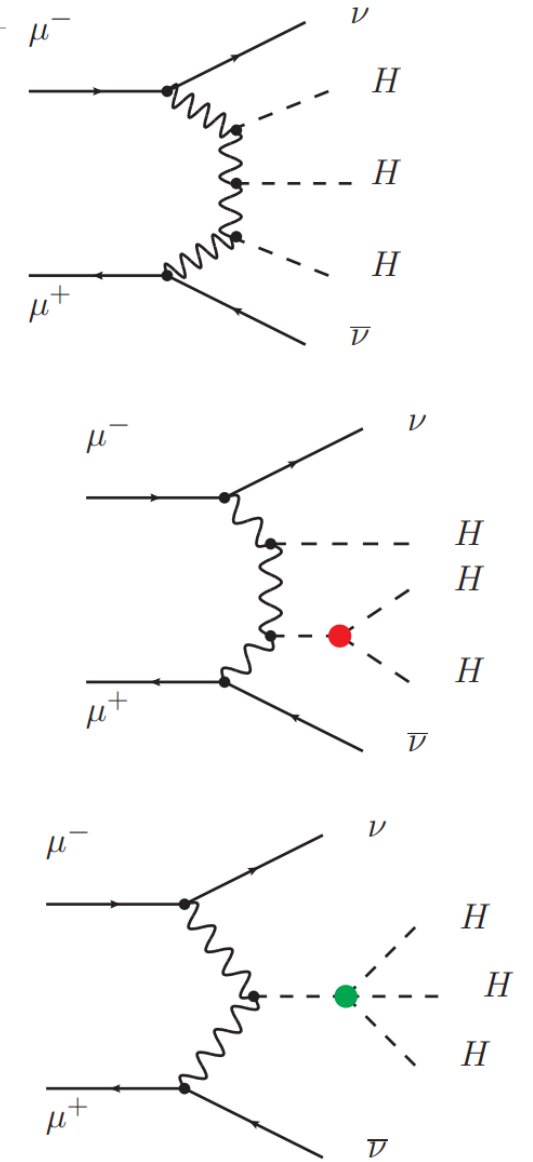


O(1) quartic determination possible.

Chiesa, Maltoni, Mantani, Mele, Piccinini, [2003.13628](#)

Correlated measurements of trilinear and quartic couplings reveals deep information about EFT and EWPT.

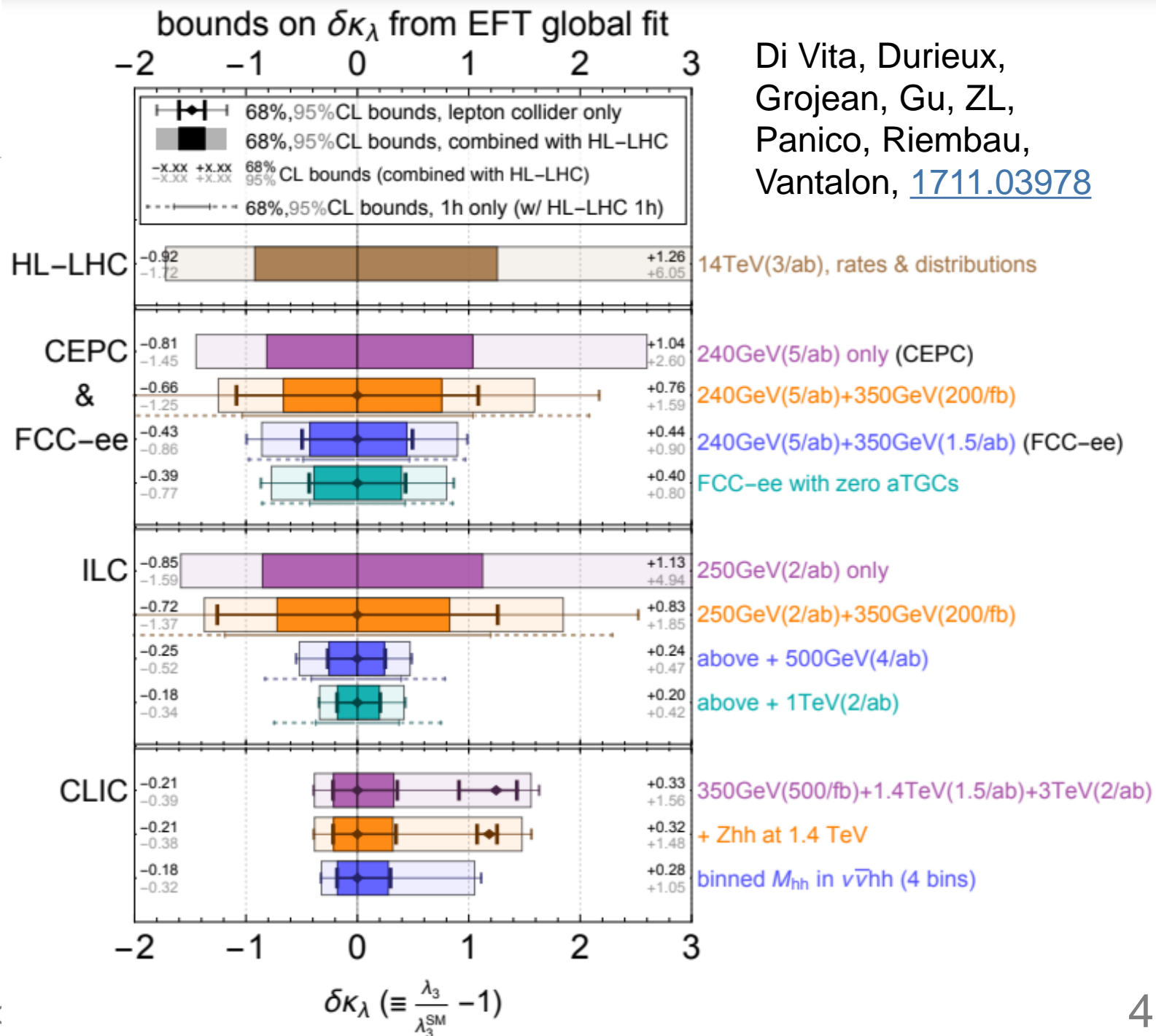
e.g, Huang, Joglekar, Wagner, [1512.00068](#), Falkowski, Gonzalez-Alonso, Grejio, Marzocca, M. Son, [1609.06312](#), Chang, Luty, [1902.05556](#), +Abu-Ajamieh, M. Chen, [2009.11293](#); DiHiggs review [1910.00012](#); T. Han, D. Liu, I. Low, X. Wang, [2008.12204](#), [2312.07670](#).



HH@ Current and Future Colliders

- Other precision inputs and constraints are needed for trilinear extraction if one turns on a few couplings or with a given model;
- Single H allows consistent trilinear precision O(40%)
- Double H and differential crucial to reach O(10%)
- High Energy will do better (hopefully O(%)) but studies are missing)

Di Vita, Durieux, Grojean, Gu, ZL, Panico, Riembau, Vantalon, [1711.03978](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.03978)



The **BSM-driven EFT Pattern** Matters

- Different BSM models give rise to different EFTs, with hierarchies between the Wilson coefficients, e.g., SILH
- The **pattern** gives rise different emphasis on observables, e.g., single Higgs coupling observables/precision, multi-Higgs productions.
- The **EFT** approach and **direct BSM** (resonance) searches **complement** each other.
- Do we have untuned/generic cases where Higgs self-coupling modifications are the most important observables?

Higgs Couplings with EWPT or Dark Sector

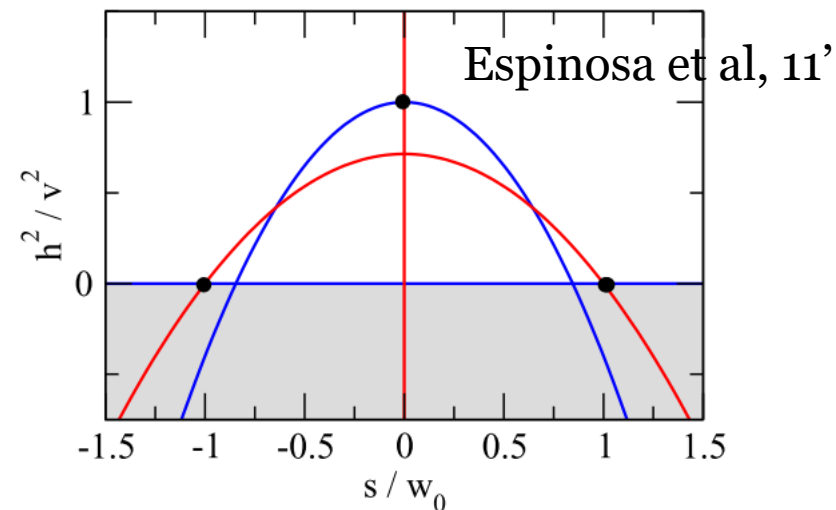
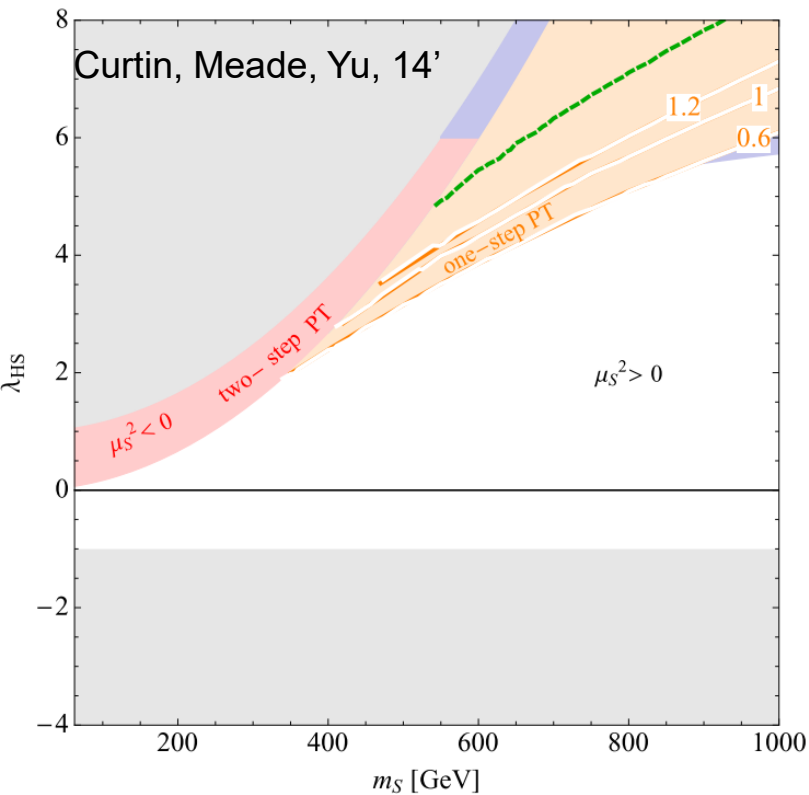
- **Dark Sector** if gauged, typically **Higgsed**. The dark Higgs will talk our SM Higgs through the portal;
- **Enhancing** the electroweak phase transition (EWPT) requires modifications to the Higgs potential, one of the easiest example is through other scalar fields, and one cannot forbid the Higgs portal coupling.

Enhancing EWPT

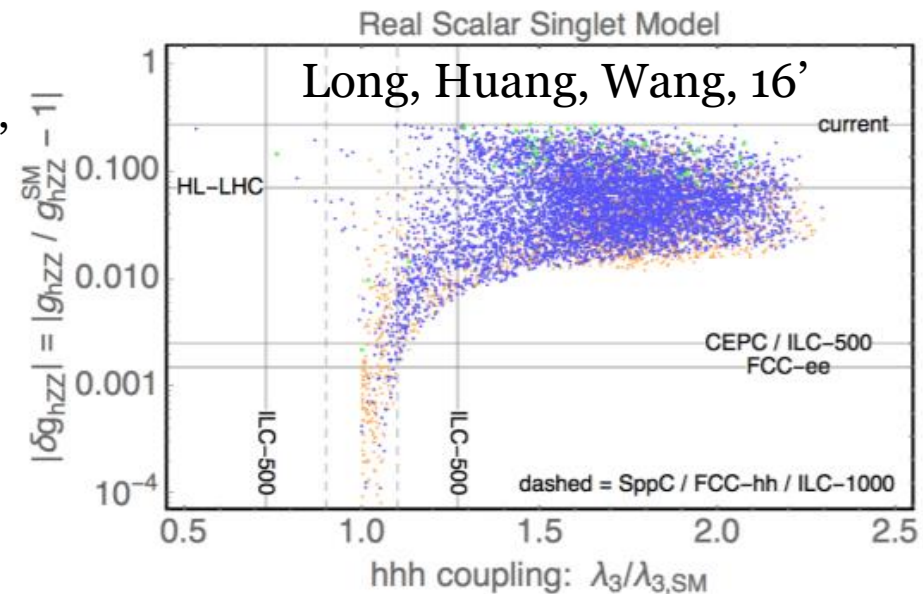
One of the most generic extensions to Enhance EWPT;
An important benchmark to understand;

$$V_0(h, s) = -\frac{1}{2}\mu_h^2 h^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_h h^4 + \frac{1}{2}\mu_s^2 s^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_s s^4 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_m h^2 s^2$$

+(explicit Z2 – breaking terms)



also Ramsey-Musolf et al, 09'



Spontaneous Z2 breaking Singlet Extension: a special case

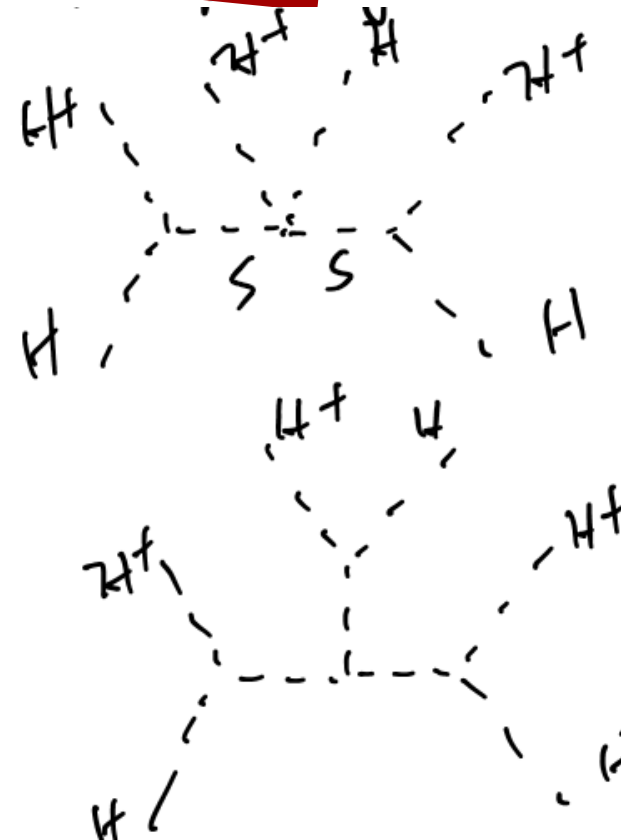
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Z2: S → -S

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One can also get a feeling of the challenge by performing the usual EFT analysis:

- **tree-level** integrate out of the singlet at the broken phase generates $(H^+ H)^3$;
- Operator generated only at loop-level, insufficient modify the Higgs potential enough to enhance the EWPT



$$\frac{1}{m_S^4} \times \Lambda_{\text{RH}}^2 \times \lambda_{SH} \times \frac{1}{2!} (H^+ H)^3$$

$$-\frac{1}{m_S^6} \times \frac{\Lambda_S^3}{3!} \times \lambda_{SH}^2 \times \frac{1}{3!} (H^+ H)^3$$

We also explored the above EFT in our S → hh on-shell interference study, Carena, ZL, Riembau [1801.00794](#). This renders Spontaneous broken case hard to enhance EWPT through the usual way, we found other ways Carena, ZL, Wang, [1911.10206](#) and yields Higgs exotic decays, +others [2203.08206](#).

Generic SM Singlet EFT expectations

$$e^{i\mathcal{S}_{\text{EFT}}(H)} \propto \int \mathcal{D}S \exp(i\mathcal{S}_{\text{UV}}(H, S))$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{EFT}} \supset - \int d^4x V(H, S_c(H)) \quad \text{with} \quad 0 = \left. \frac{\partial V(H, S)}{\partial S} \right|_{S=S_c(H)}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = \frac{1}{2} S (-\square - m_S^2) S + SJ(H)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = J(H) \frac{1}{-\square - m_S^2} J(H) = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{J^2}{m_S^2} + \frac{J\square J}{m_S^4} + \dots \right)$$

- We see direct multi-Higgs modification operators (making multi-Higgs unique)

$$O_{2n} \equiv \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2n-4}} (H^+ H)^n$$

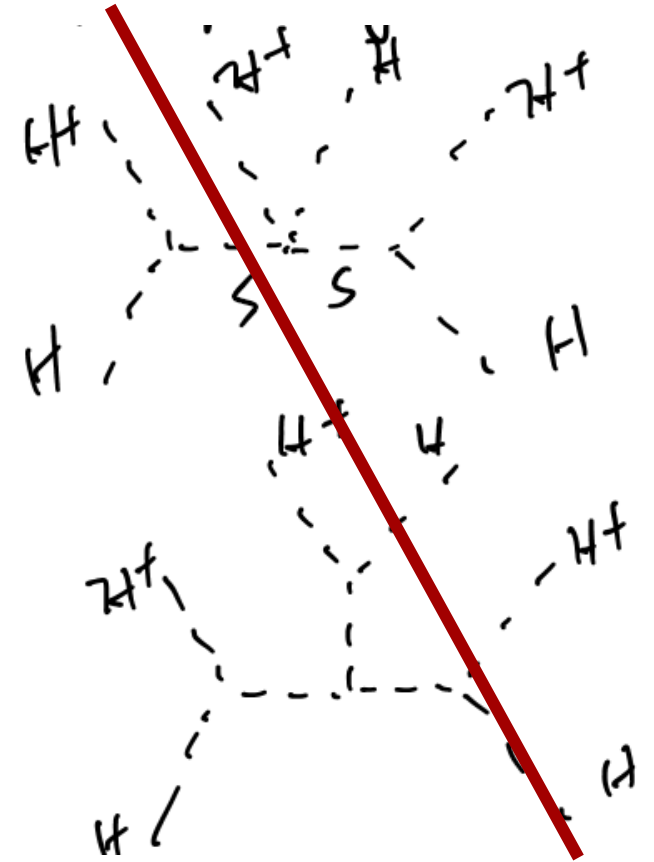
- And Higgs wave-function normalization operators (making single Higgs precision important)

$$O_{H2n} \equiv \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2n-4}} (H^+ H)^{n-3} (\partial|H|^2)^2$$

One can show that all operators of the form

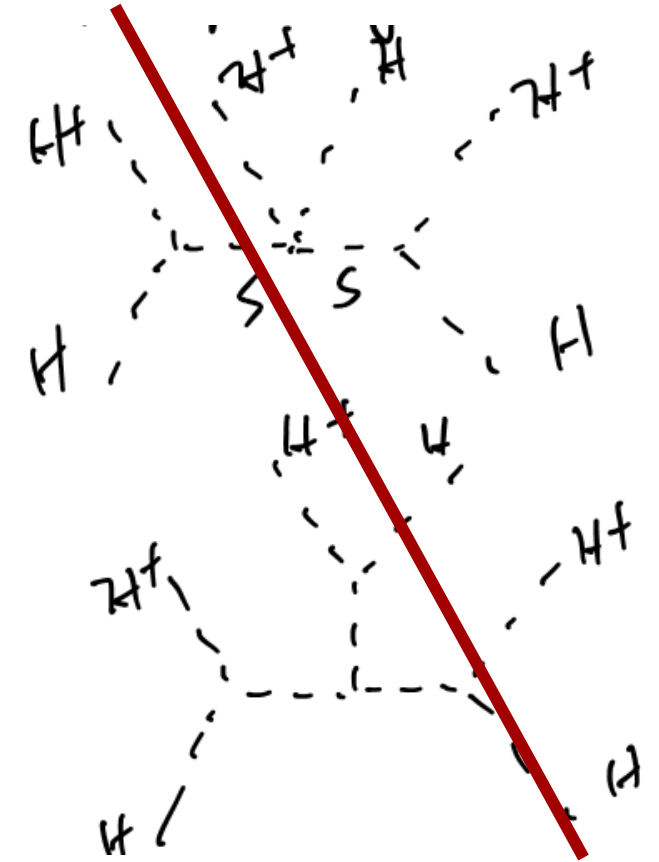
$$c_{2n} \text{ for } O_{2n} \equiv \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2n-4}} (H^\dagger H)^n$$

vanish at tree-level. **Why?**



A first Naïve guess that the SSB “remembers” the Z_2 symmetry

	c_H		c_6	
Exact Z_2	1-loop	[eq. (3.4)]	1-loop	[eq. (3.4)]
SSB Z_2			1-loop	[eq. (3.8)]
Z_2	tree	[eq. (3.12)]	tree	[eq. (3.12)]



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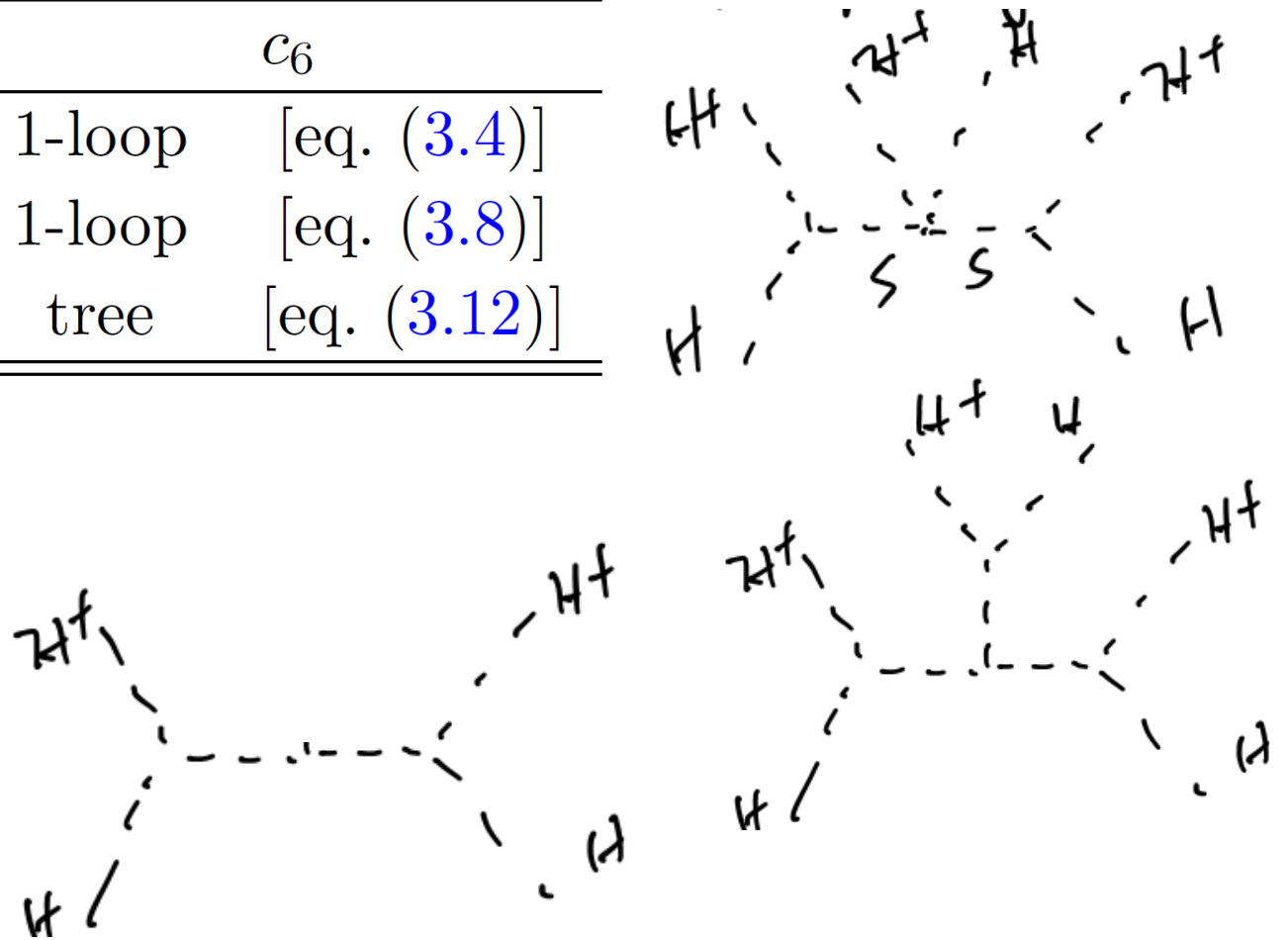
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But all $c_{H(2n)}$ operators **remain** $O_{H(2n)} \equiv \frac{1}{\Lambda^{2n-4}} (H^\dagger H)^{n-3} (\partial |H|^2)^2$

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\mathbb{Z}_2 symmetry forbids these diagrams, but SSB generates modifications to Higgs wave-function normalization and quartic Higgs term (that absorbed to fix SM relations, vev and m_h).

As an EFT, it is **truncated** series in H^4 but all orders exists for $c_{H(2n)}$



Is it a simple symmetry protection?

- Both O_H (all O_{H2n}) and O_6 (all O_{2n}) are tree-level forbidden for exact Z_2 models
- But only O_6 (all $O_{2n}, n \geq 3$) is forbidden with SSB
- Let me show toy examples with SSB Z_2 or Z_n that generates all orders in O_{H2n} , but finite O_{2n}

To see why it is not Z2

- A toy Z2 model with terms up to dim6

$$-\mathcal{L} = \mu_h^2 |H|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_s^2 S^2 + \frac{\lambda_h}{4} |H|^4 + \frac{\lambda_m}{2} |H|^2 S^2 + \frac{\lambda_s}{4} S^4 \\ + \frac{\lambda_{s6}}{6} S^6 + \frac{\lambda_{h6}}{36} |H|^6 + \frac{\lambda_{s2h4}}{2} S^2 |H|^4 + \frac{\lambda_{s4h2}}{4} S^4 |H|^2$$

- The saddle point solution to integrate out S is

$$S_c^{(0)2} = -\frac{\lambda_s + \lambda_{s4h2} |H|^2}{2\lambda_{s6}} \pm \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2\lambda_{s6}}$$

- So long as Δ is not a **complete square**, we have all the $(H^+ H)^n$ operators generated.
- But if Δ is, we will have again a **truncated** $(H^+ H)^n$ stops at $n=3$.

$$(\lambda_s \lambda_{s4h2} - 2\lambda_{s6} \lambda_m)^2 - (\lambda_s^2 - 4\lambda_{s6} \mu_s^2) (\lambda_{s4h2}^2 - 4\lambda_{s6} \lambda_{s2h4}) = 0$$

Or from another generic toy model

- A toy Z_n model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{UV}} = -\frac{1}{2}S \square S + \frac{f(H)}{n} S^n - \frac{\lambda_{2n}}{2n} S^{2n}$$

- The classical solution (if SSB) would be

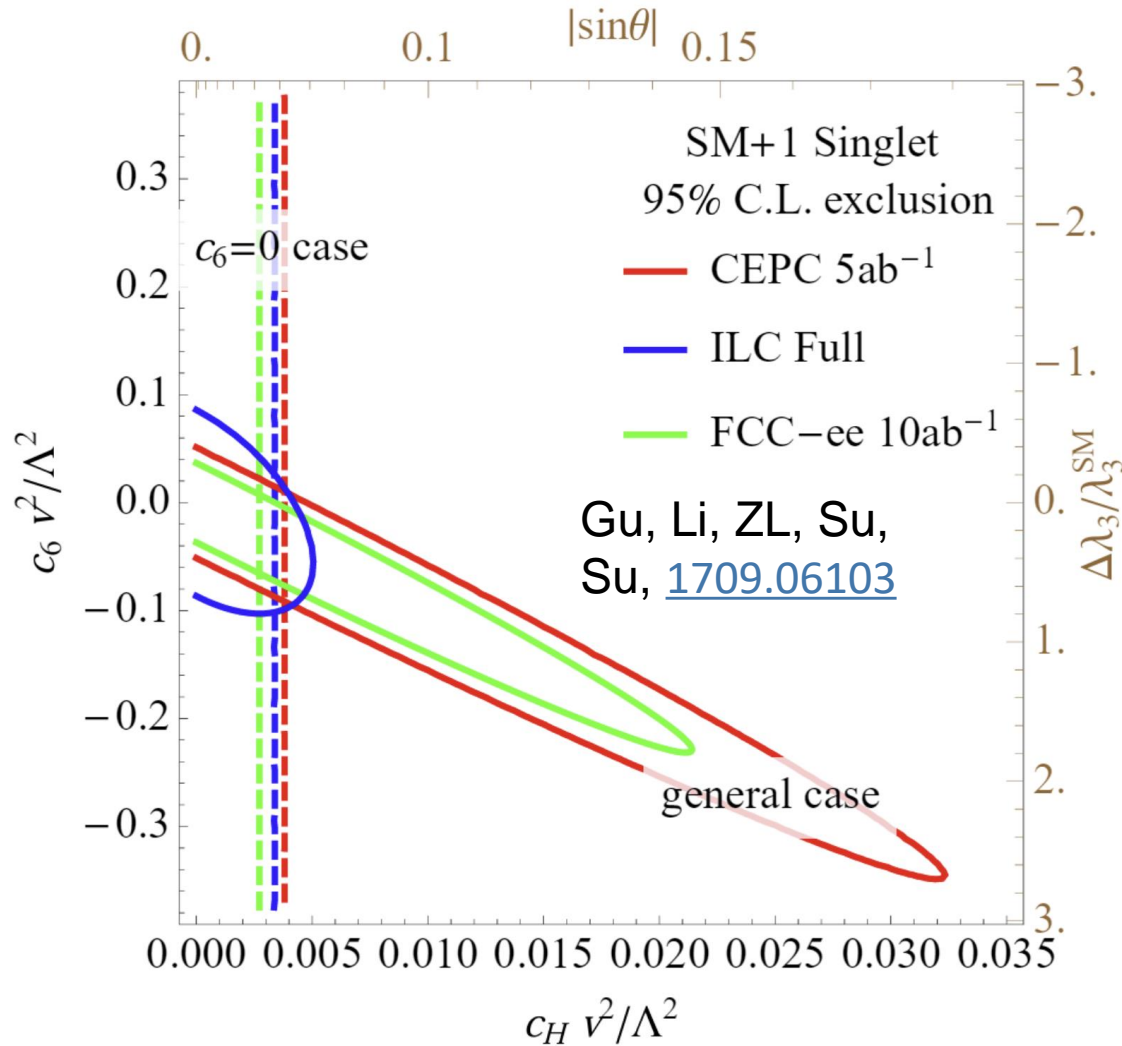
$$0 = \frac{\delta \mathcal{S}_{\text{UV}}}{\delta S} = S^{n-1} [f(H) - \lambda_{2n} S^n] \implies S_c^{(0)} = \left[\frac{f(H)}{\lambda_{2n}} \right]^{1/n}$$

- And the result tree-level EFT is again **automatically truncated** (so long as $f(H)$ is a finite polynomial) in \mathcal{O}_{2n} but all powers of \mathcal{O}_{H2n} exist

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} \supset \frac{[f(H)]^2}{2n\lambda_{2n}} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{f(H)}{\lambda_{2n}} \right)^{1/n} \square \left(\frac{f(H)}{\lambda_{2n}} \right)^{1/n}$$

- Here we can understand the $n=2$ case easily, for **renormalizable** theory, the **only SSB solution** is a **finite polynomial** containing H^2 order!

Collider Imprints

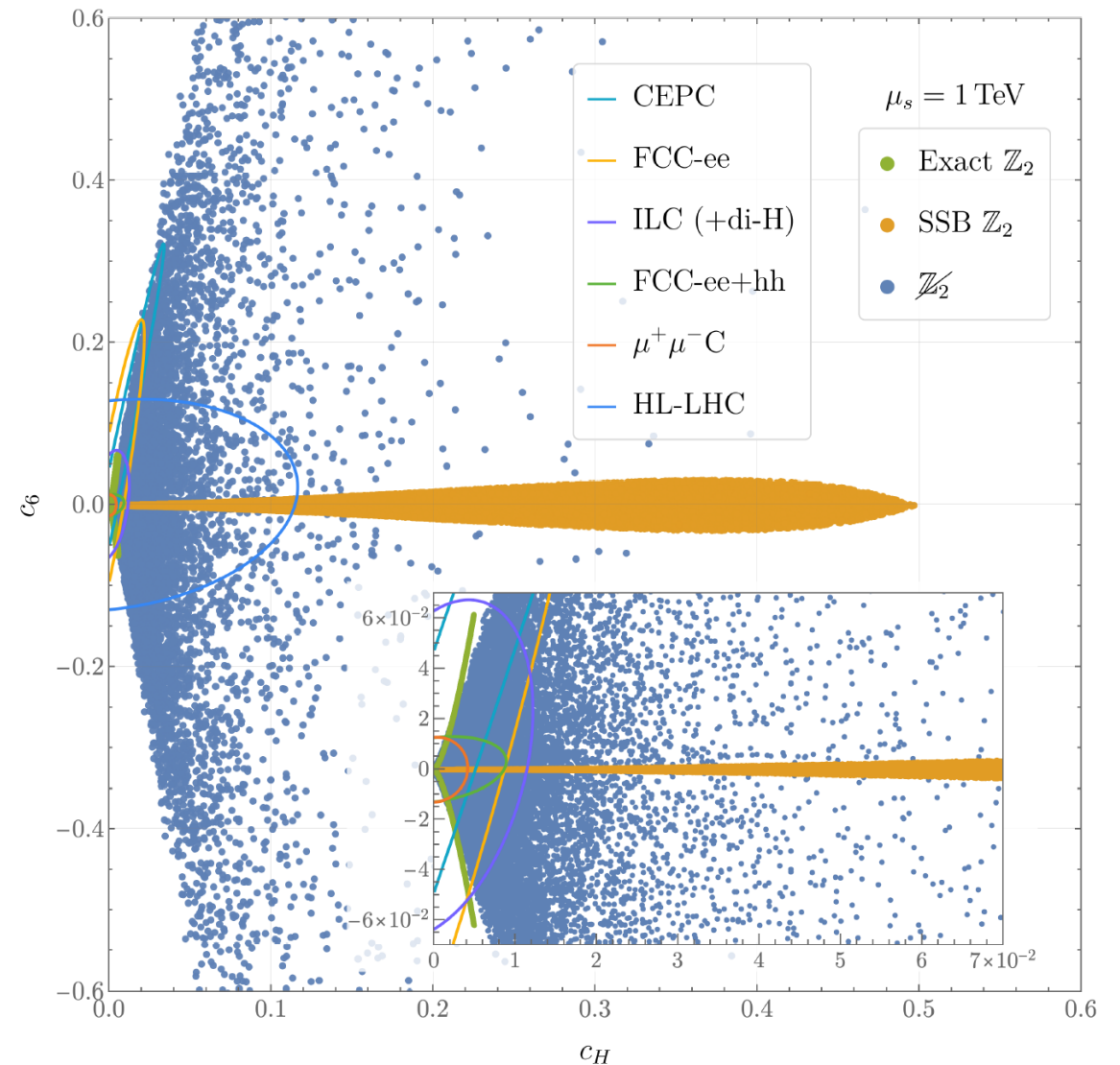


$$\kappa_\lambda \equiv \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_3^{\text{SM}}}, \quad \delta\kappa_\lambda \equiv \kappa_\lambda - 1 = c_6 - \frac{3}{2}c_H$$

*I flipped my sign convention between this study (2017) and the next plot (2024), sorry!

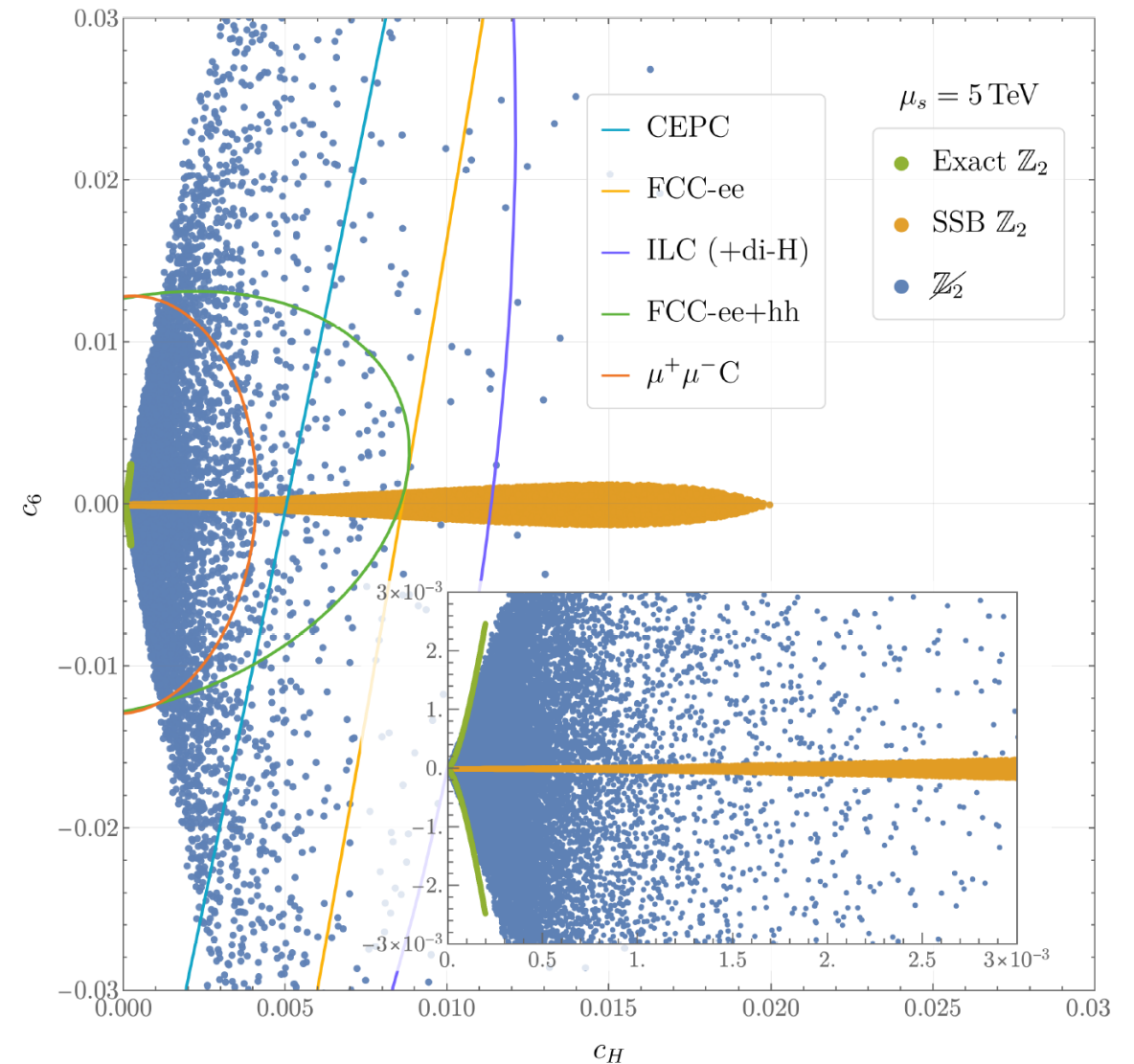
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Summary

- A class of generic Higgs portal SSB model **motivated** EFTs exhibits truncations in non-derivative operators but not those with derivatives
 - Motivated by Dark Higgs
 - Motivated by enhanced EWPT
 - Motivated by Higgs Self-coupling measurements
- These **truncations** are not from simple symmetry arguments, as the resulting EFT are different from both explicit breaking and symmetry preserving cases.
- These **suppressions** are **general** in **SSB** and understood as renormalizable theories' classical solution are all **finite polynomials**. (one can also understand the same result in fermion portals resulted EFT, which is a simpler case of the above discussion.)
- These truncations has **strong impact** for Higgs program **single Higgs** and **multi-Higgs** observables.
- It would be fun to understand more their meanings and implications.