

EFT Truncation Uncertainties at the LHC

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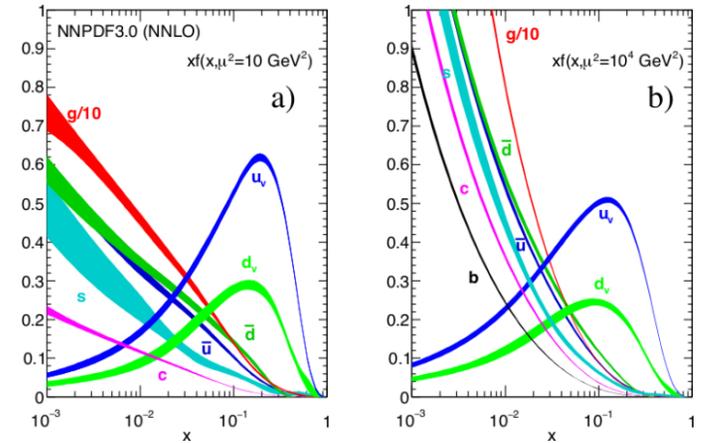
Need a *quantitative* method to treat EFT truncation uncertainties at the LHC.

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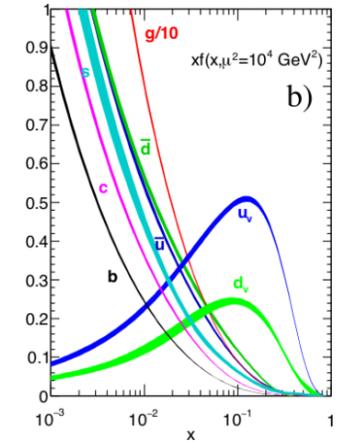
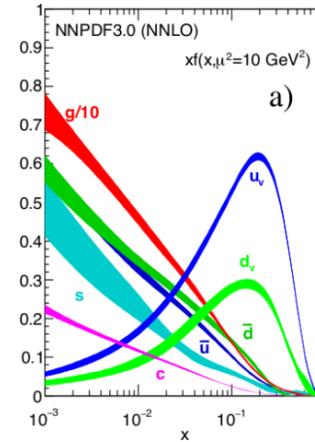
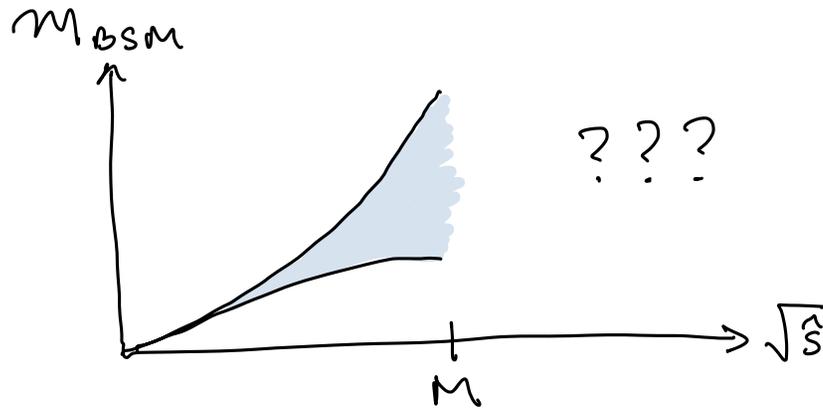
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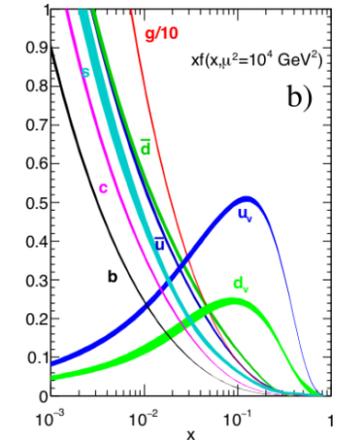
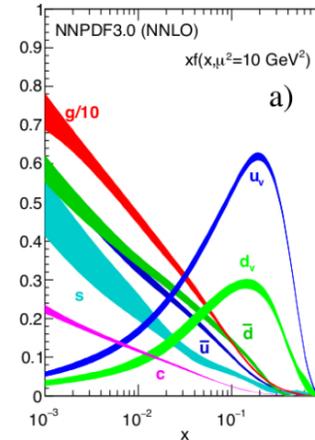
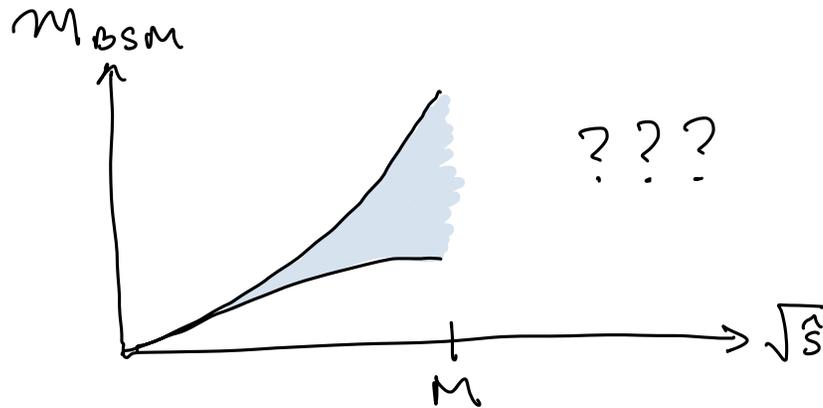
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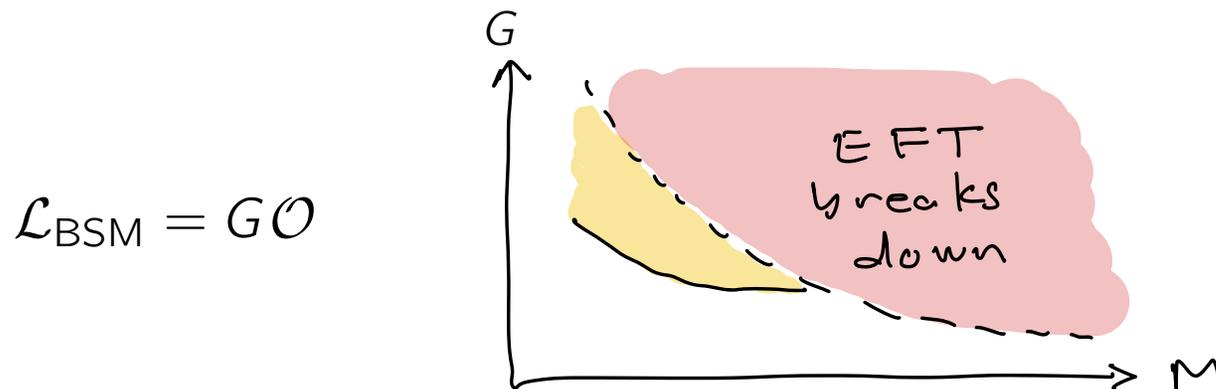
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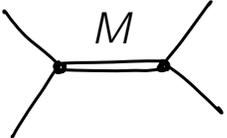
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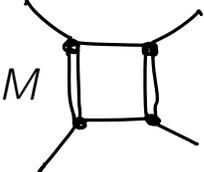
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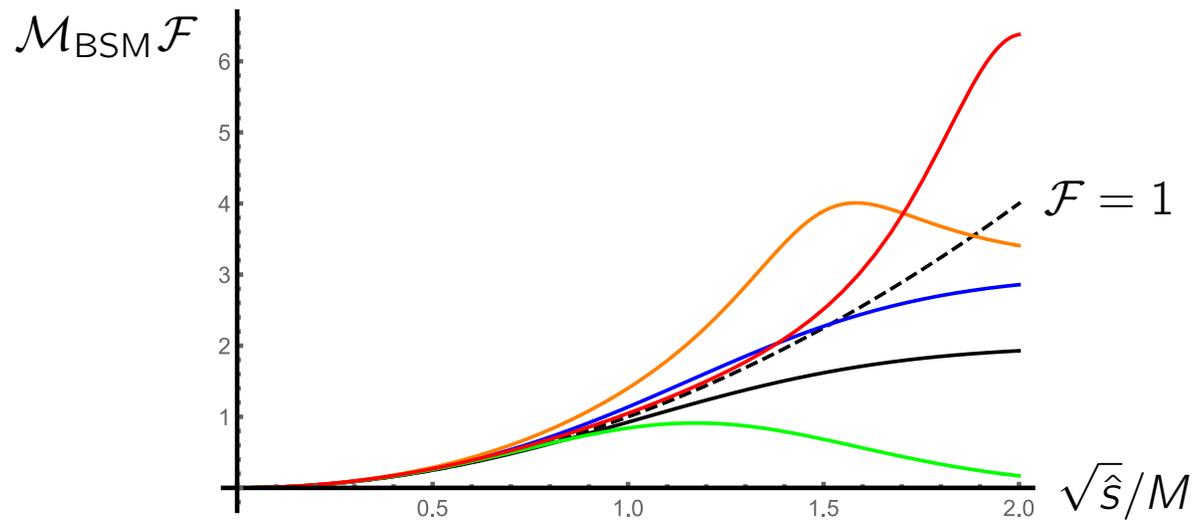
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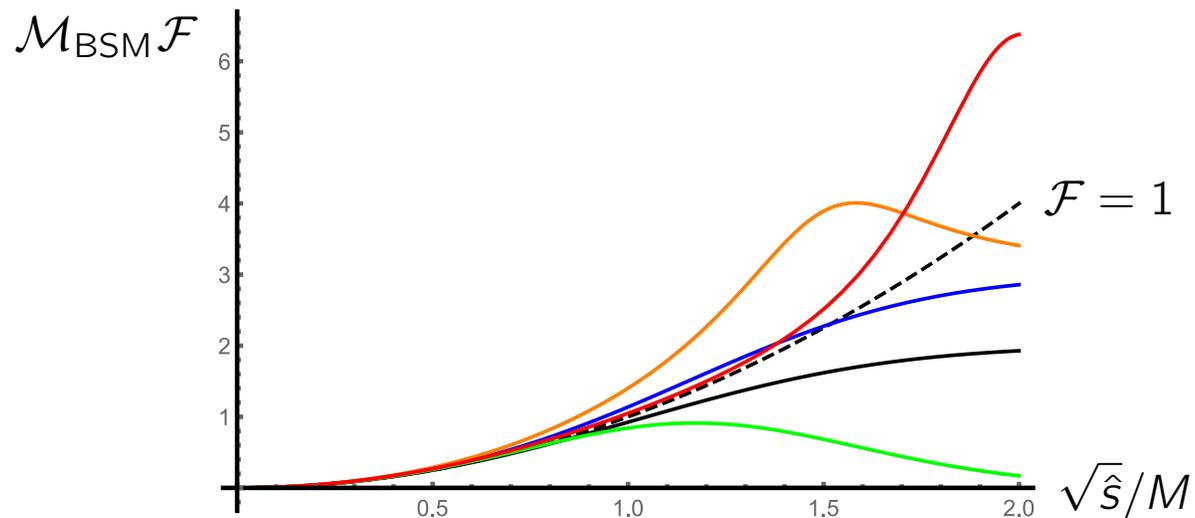
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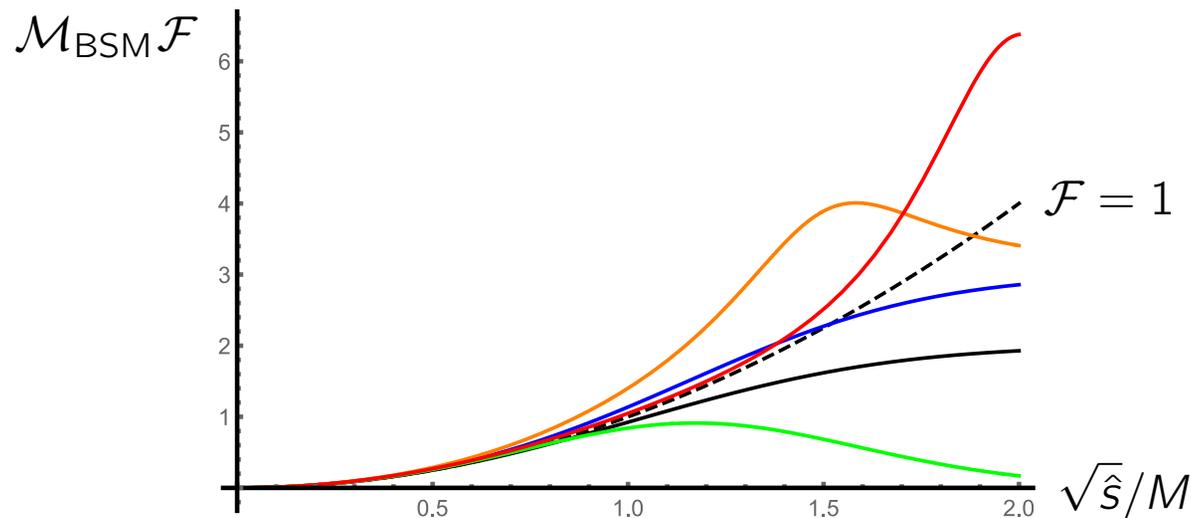
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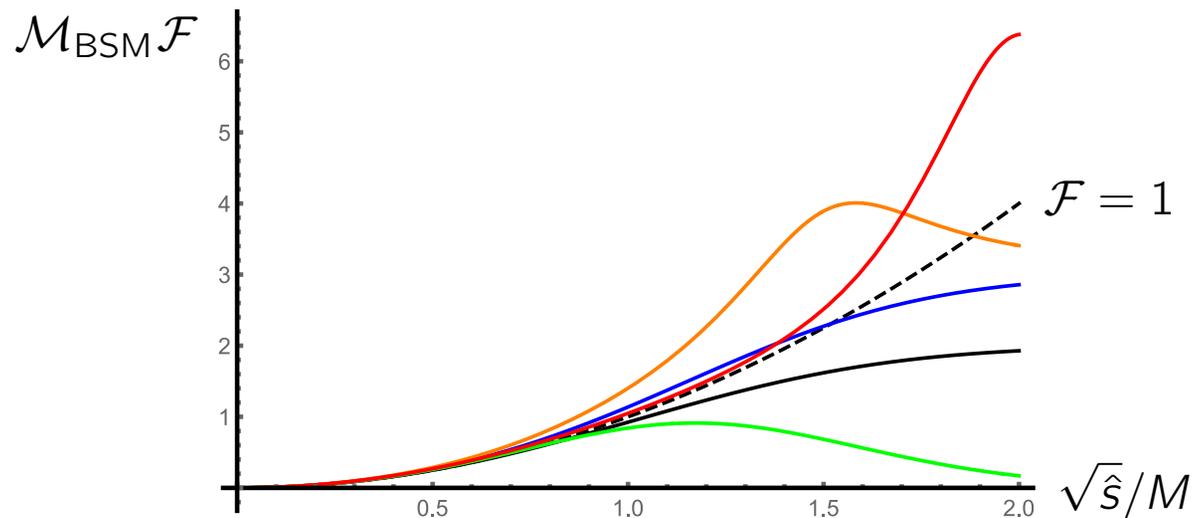


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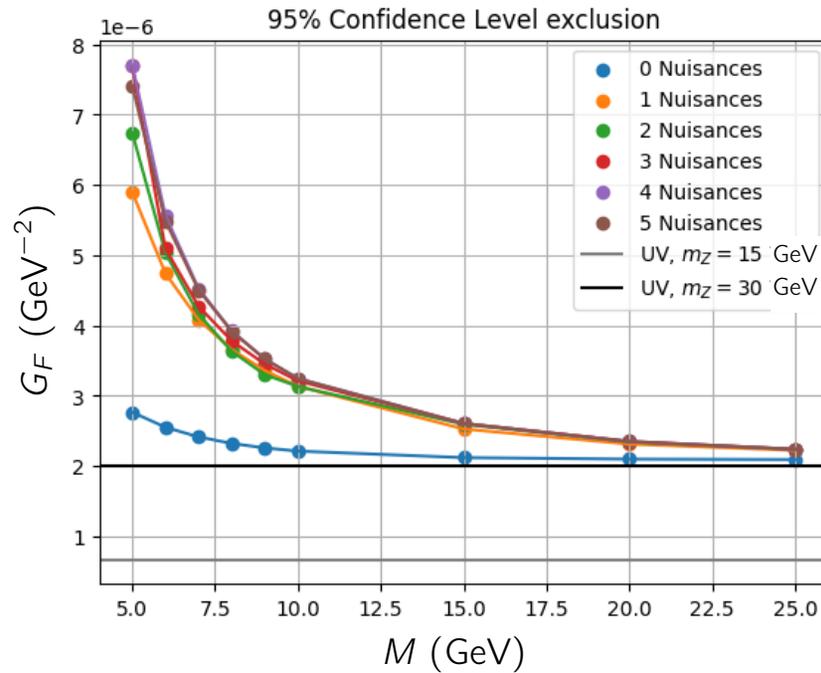
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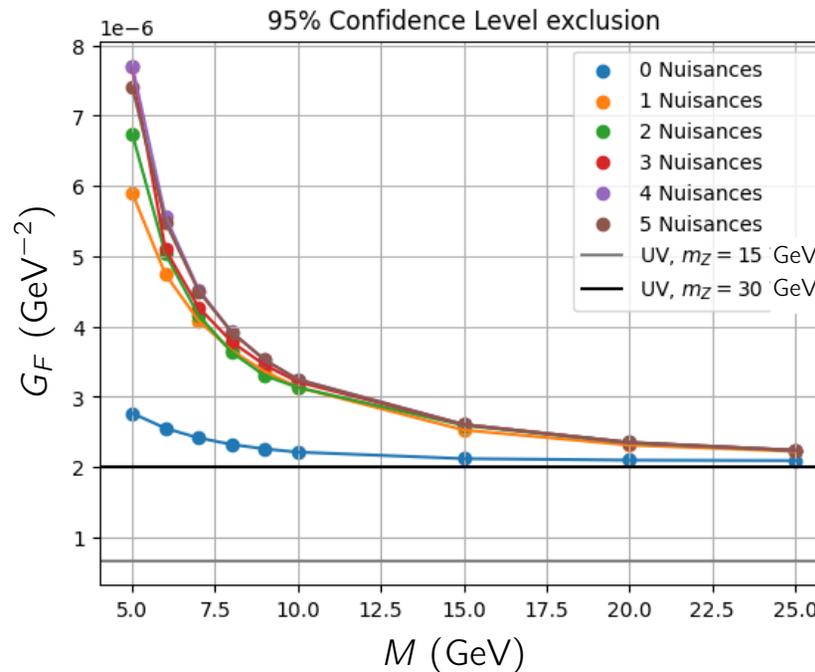
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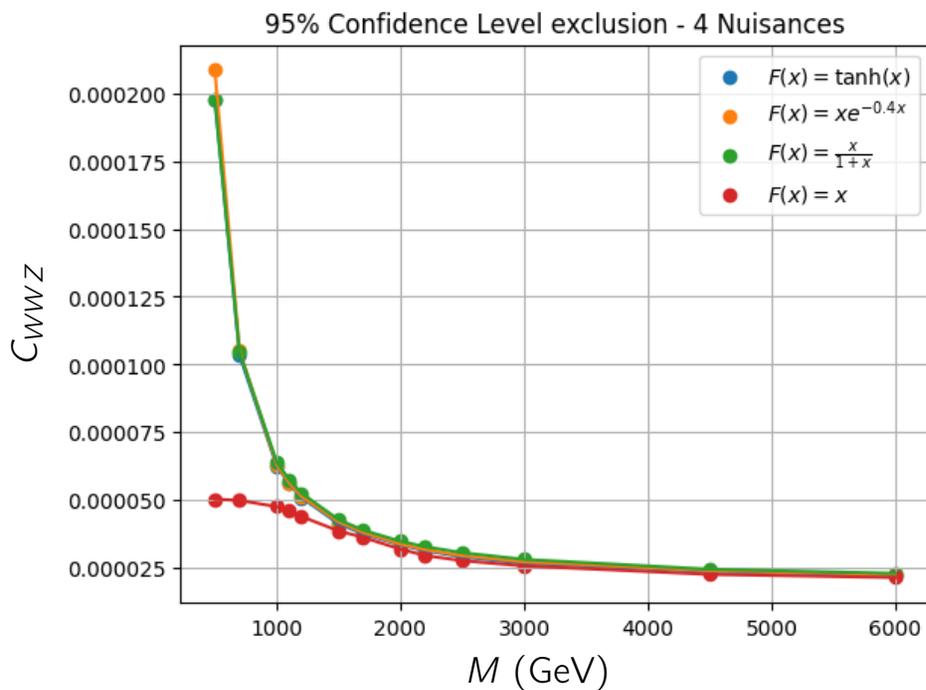


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- Nuisance parameters weaken the bound
 - They reduce the significance of events with large $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$
- Constraints are weaker at small M
- Results converge as more nuisance parameters are added
- EFT constraints are weaker than constraints from search for UV model

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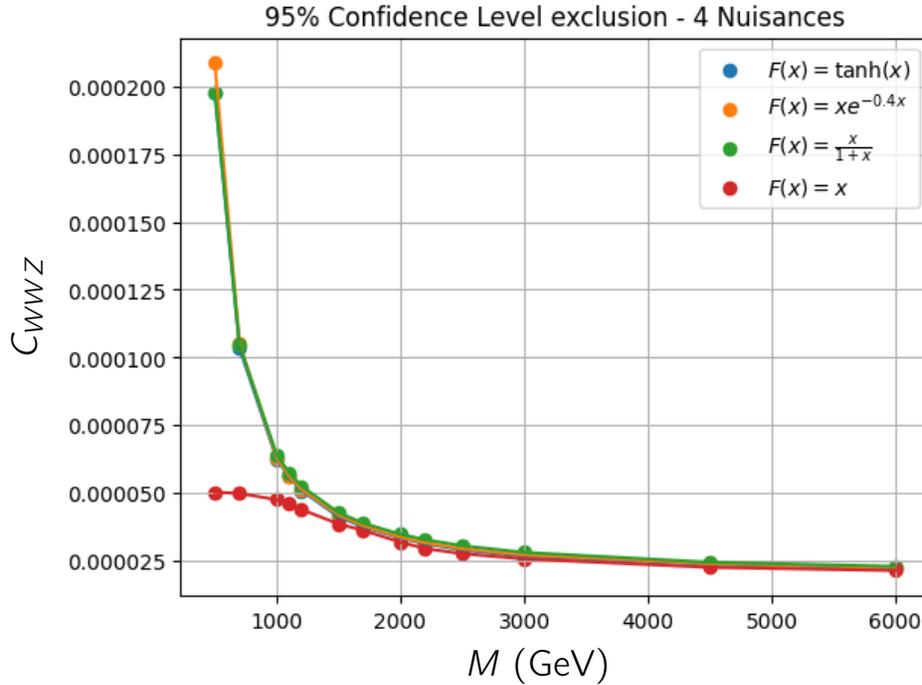


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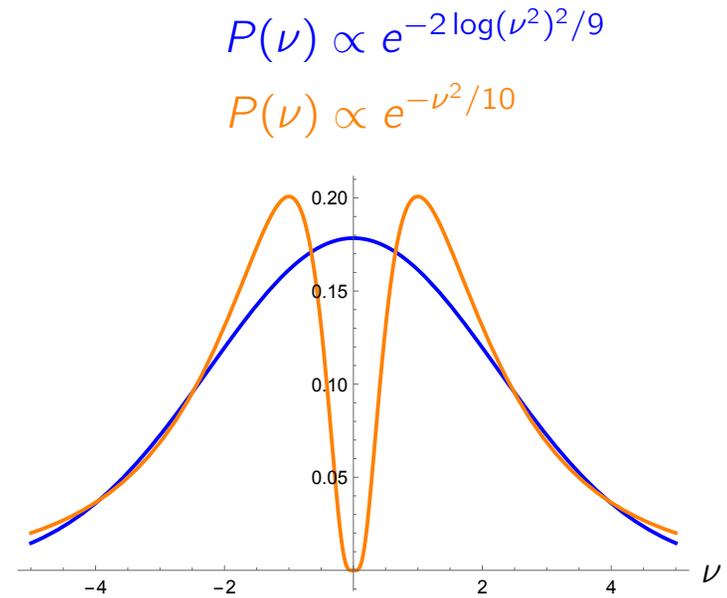
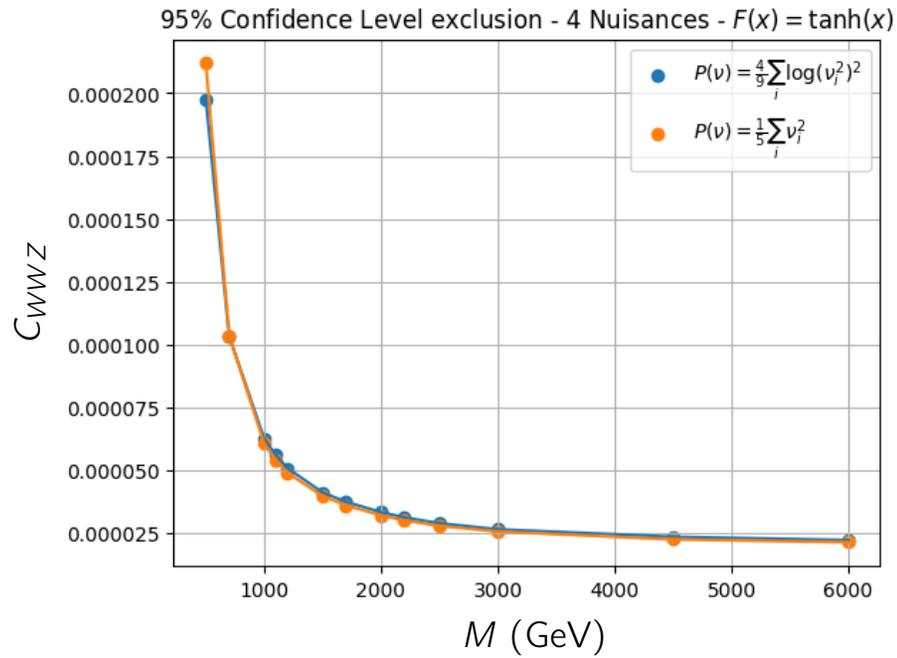
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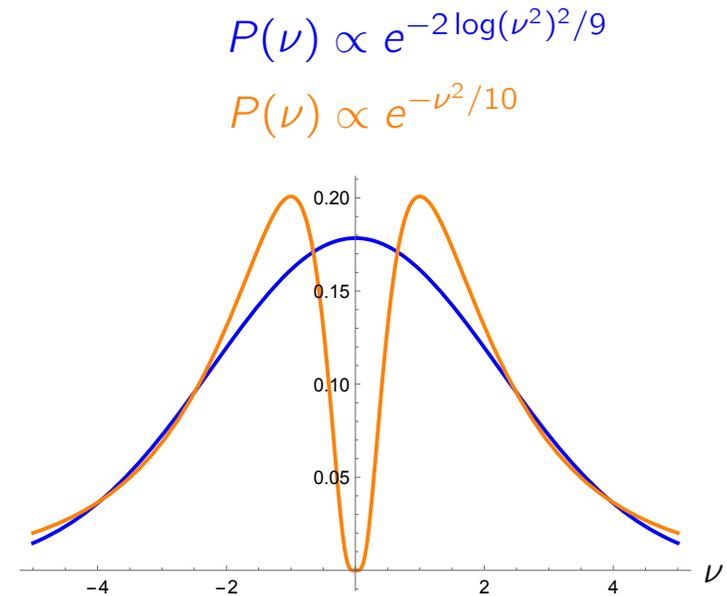
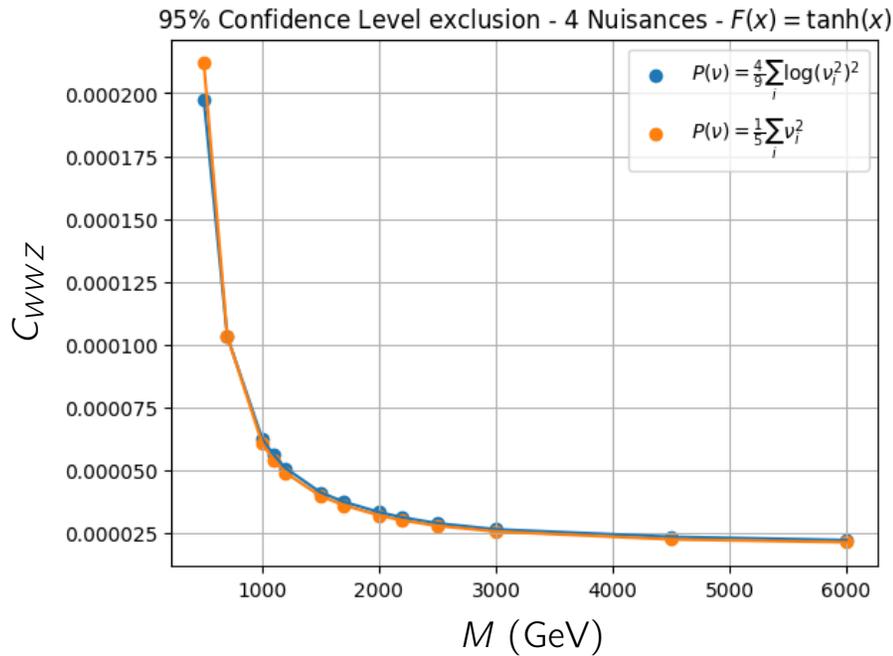
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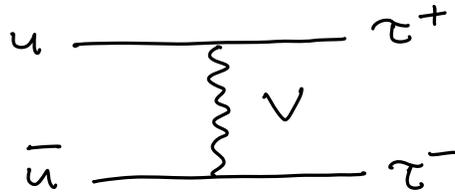


Results are insensitive to form of $P(\nu)$ if we fix tail of distribution

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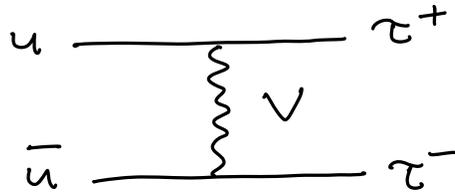
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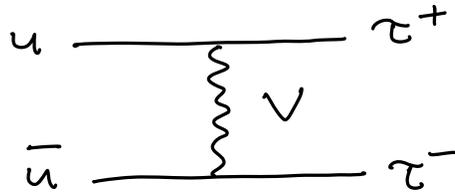
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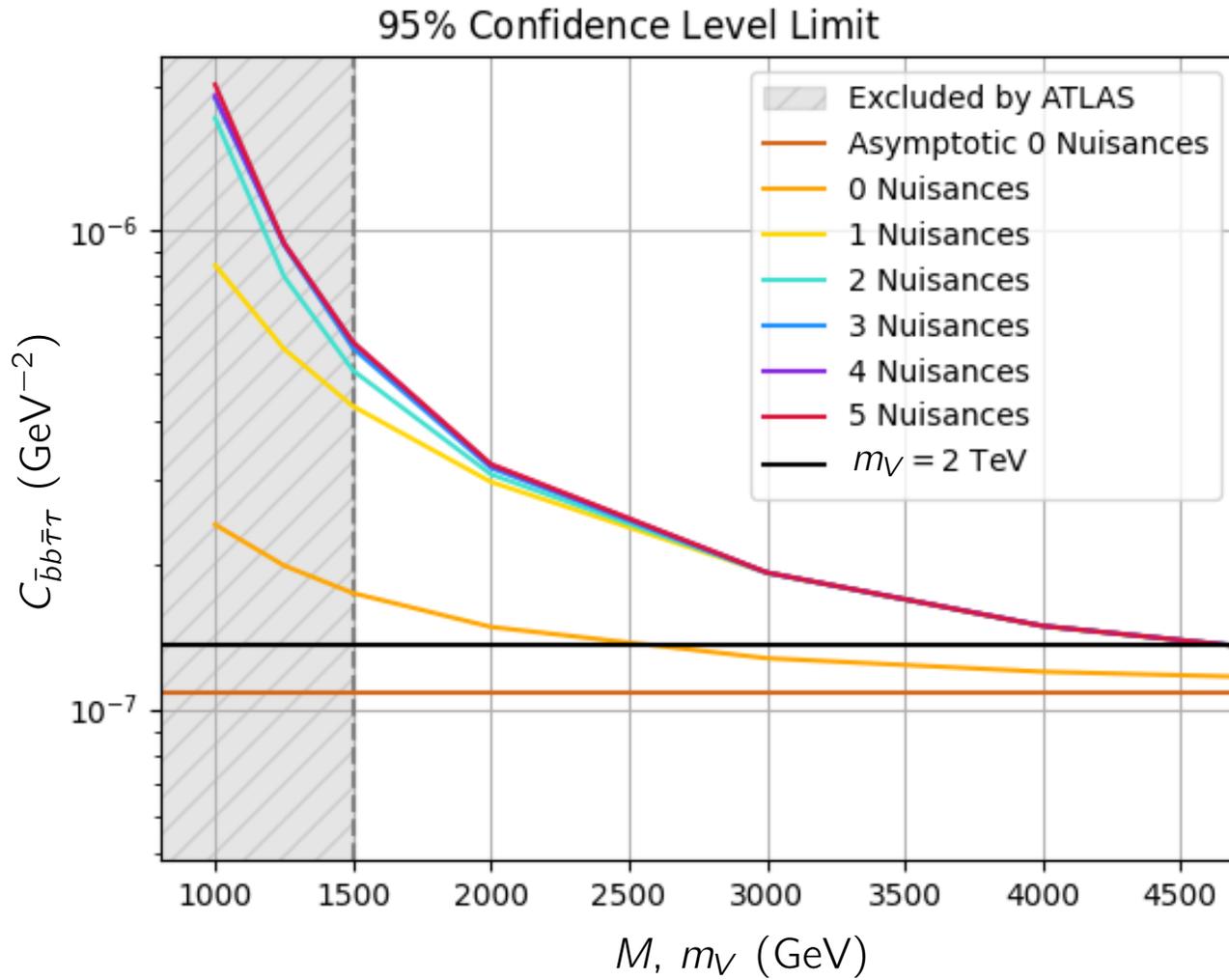
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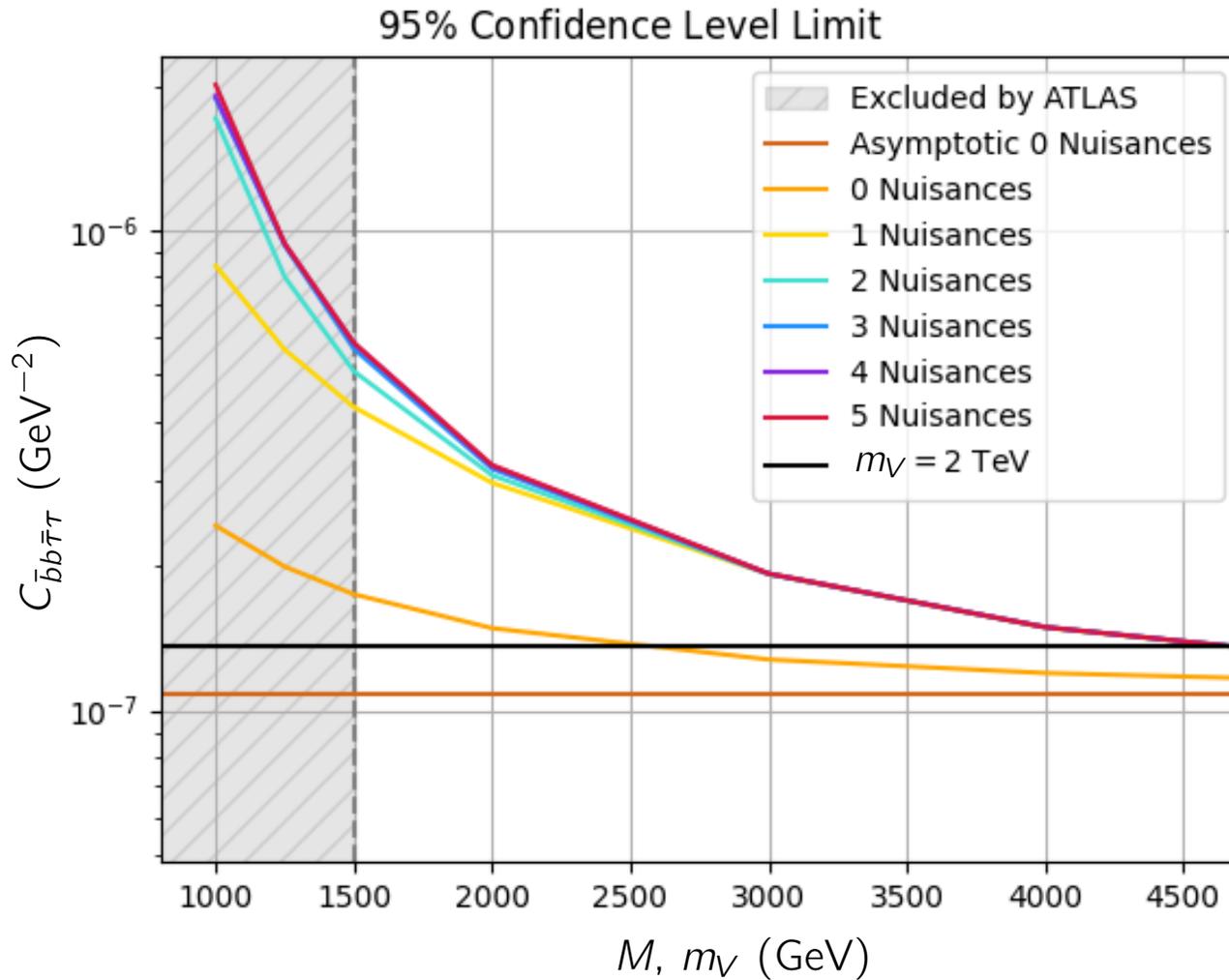
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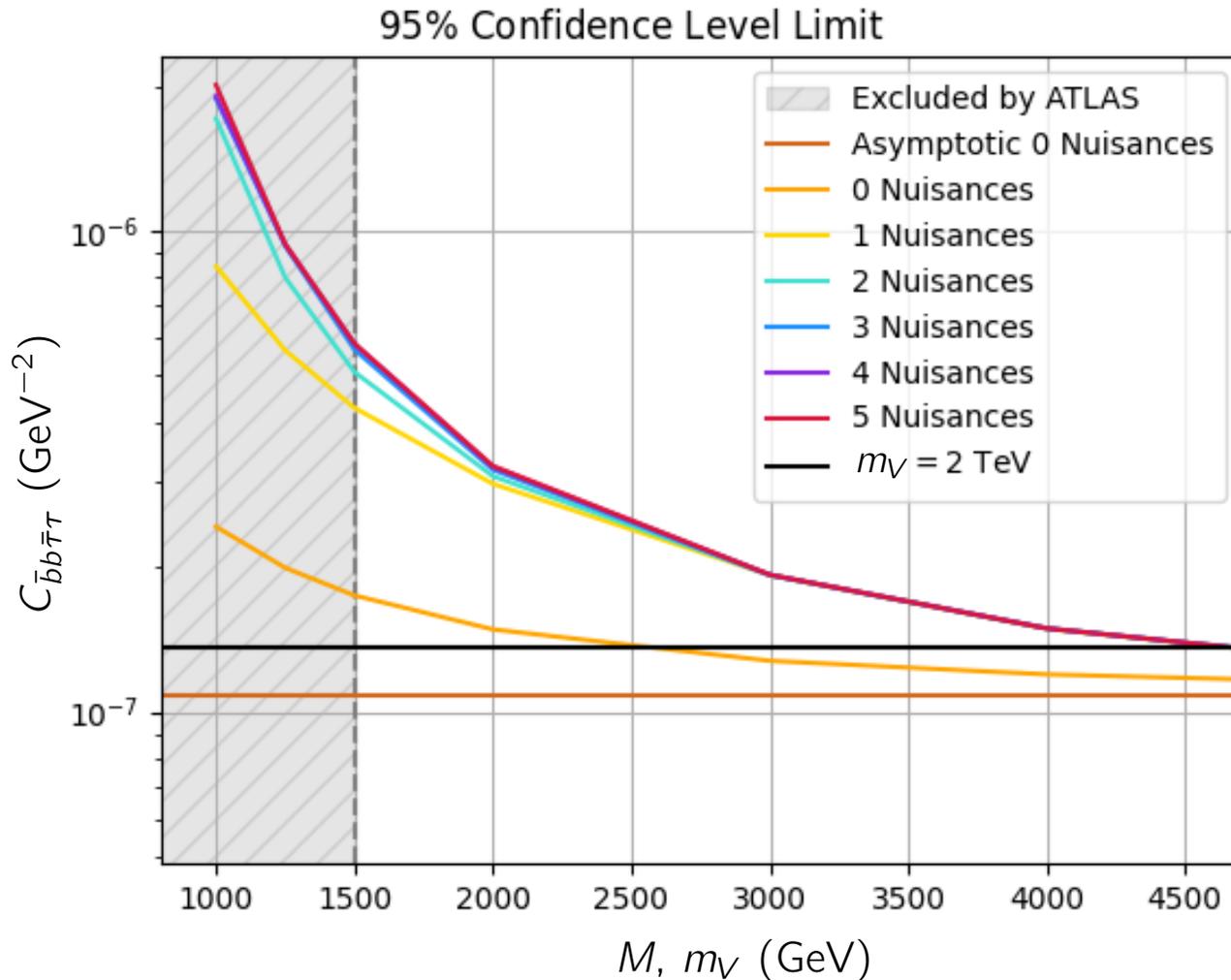


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- EFT + nuisance parameter search gives conservative bounds

Conclusions

- Proposed treating EFT truncation as theory uncertainty
- Uses standard statistical methods (nuisance parameters)
⇒ EFT prediction is uncertain at high energies
- Parameterize higher order corrections using ‘descendants’
- Method is general and practical
- Results are convergent and robust

To do:

- Discovery examples
- Include nuisance form factors

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Backup Slides



Operator Parameterization

Classify EFT operators using amplitude methods:

$$\mathcal{O} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{O}} = \text{local on-shell amplitude}$$

Write \mathcal{O} in terms of physical fields (massive W, Z, h, \dots)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{O}}$ is Feynman rule for \mathcal{O} evaluated on shell

Finitely many 'primary' operators with ≤ 4 legs:

$$\underbrace{\sum_{\mathcal{O}} G_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{O}}(s, t)}_{\text{infinite sum}} = \underbrace{\sum_{\hat{A}} G_{\hat{A}} \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{O}_{\hat{A}}}(s, t)}_{\mathcal{O}_{\hat{A}} = \text{primary}} \underbrace{\left[1 + C_{\hat{A}1} s + C_{\hat{A}2} t + C_{\hat{A}3} st + \dots \right]}_{\text{'descendants'}}.$$

G. Durieux, T. Kitahara, C. S. Machado, Y. Shadmi, Y. Weiss, arXiv:2008.09652

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1	$hZ^\mu \bar{\psi}_L \gamma_\mu \psi_L$	+	5	$i(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) \bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L$	$\frac{0.6}{E_{\text{TeV}}^2}, \frac{5}{E_{\text{TeV}}^4}$
2	$hZ^\mu \bar{\psi}_R \gamma_\mu \psi_R$	+		$i(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R$	
3	$hZ^{\mu\nu} \bar{\psi}_L \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi_R + \text{h.c.}$	+	6	$\bar{Q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R \sigma^a \tilde{H} W_{\mu\nu}^a + \text{h.c.}$	$\frac{2}{E_{\text{TeV}}^2}, \frac{10}{E_{\text{TeV}}^4}$
4	$ih\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} \bar{\psi}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi_R + \text{h.c.}$	-		$i\bar{Q}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R \sigma^a \tilde{H} \tilde{W}_{\mu\nu}^a + \text{h.c.}$	
5	$ihZ^\mu (\bar{\psi}_L \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \psi_R) + \text{h.c.}$	+	6	$(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{Q}_L \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu u_R) \tilde{H} + \text{h.c.}$	$\frac{0.1}{E_{\text{TeV}}^3}, \frac{4}{E_{\text{TeV}}^6}$
6	$hZ^\mu \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R) + \text{h.c.}$	-		$i(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) D^\mu (\bar{Q}_L u_R) \tilde{H} + \text{h.c.}$	
7	$ihZ^\mu \partial_\mu (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R) + \text{h.c.}$	+		$(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) D^\mu (\bar{Q}_L u_R) \tilde{H} + \text{h.c.}$	
8	$hZ^\mu (\bar{\psi}_L \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \psi_R) + \text{h.c.}$	-		$i(H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu H) (\bar{Q}_L \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu u_R) \tilde{H} + \text{h.c.}$	
9	$ih\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} (\bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\nu \psi_L)$	+	7	$i H ^2 \tilde{W}^{a\mu\nu} (\bar{Q}_L \gamma_\mu \sigma^a \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu Q_L)$	$\frac{0.4}{E_{\text{TeV}}^3}, \frac{1}{E_{\text{TeV}}^4}$
10	$h\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu (\bar{\psi}_L \gamma^\nu \psi_L)$	-		$ H ^2 \tilde{W}^{a\mu\nu} D_\mu (\bar{Q}_L \gamma_\nu \sigma^a Q_L)$	
11	$ih\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} (\bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\mu \overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\nu \psi_R)$	+		$i H ^2 \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} (\bar{u}_R \gamma_\mu \overleftrightarrow{D}_\nu u_R)$	
12	$h\tilde{Z}_{\mu\nu} \partial^\mu (\bar{\psi}_R \gamma^\nu \psi_R)$	-		$ H ^2 \tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} D_\mu (\bar{u}_R \gamma_\nu u_R)$	